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Posing for the Bethel Fire Department's 2003 "Beefcakes of the BFD" calendar are, (from left): Mike Bennett, Mark McPherson, Jim Bennett and Mike Jodrey. Brenda Hart took the photos for the calendar (and this photo). Design was provided by The Maine Press.

## 2003 calendar features Bethel's beefcake fire brigade

By ALISON ALOISIO

Last year, the Bethel Fire Department received a federal grant to establish a strength and flexibility training program.

This year, with the publication of a "Beefcakes of the BFD" calendar, we get to see our tax dollars flex their muscles.

The color calendar will feature 13 members of the department, ranging in age from 17 to 87. You'll have to buy the calendar to see who reveals what.

"It started as a joke last spring (when the firefighters were in the middle of their fitness training)," said Mike Jodrey, assistant fire

The department's oldest and youngest members close out the year as Mr. Decembers

chief and model firefighter. "We said at the end of the year, we'll have to do a calendar. It was an ongoing joke all summer."

Then, this fall, the joke turned to serious discussion. After the idea was informally floated in the community, it drew a positive response. "The last two or three months, four or five of us have been trying to talk everyone else into it,"

Jodrey said.

He and the core group were successful in persuading half the 26 members to pose for pictures. Over the past week and a half, Brenda Hart, serving as volunteer photographer, took at least a half dozen photos of each firefighter. Two photos of each man were chosen for the calendar.

Some who initially agreed to take

part almost got cold feet "when the camera came out," said Jodrey. But they all went through with it.

The men appear with fire trucks and/or equipment as backdrops. The youngest member, Charles Dresser, will appear in the same month as the oldest firefighter, Peanut Gallant.

The calendars were designed by Karen Harrington, and will cost

\$20 each. They will be made up as orders are placed, with two to four weeks for delivery. A batch of 100 is planned initially.

Proceeds will benefit the department's special projects fund, which purchases such items as a thermal imaging camera.

Jodrey said the department's traditional birthday calendar will also be sold this year, as usual. But this time around, BFD supporters can opt instead for a birthday suit calendar.

(The calendars may be ordered by sending a check to BFD Calendar Fund, PO Box 1660, Bethel 04217, or through a firefighter.)

## Huts trail hits hurdle at Bigelow

By REBECCA ZICARELLI

A turf war over the use and future boundaries of the Bigelow Preserve may stall a plan to build a recreation trail and hut system that stretches from Newry to Moosehead Lake.

For two years, Larry Warren, president of the nonprofit Western Mountains Foundation, has been trying to build support for a hut system, based on the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) huts in the White Mountains.

Unlike the AMC huts — which are only open in summer — the huts along the Maine Huts and Trails system would be open year round for use by hikers, bikers, snowshoers, and cross-country skiers. During the winter, the trail would be groomed. Each of the 12 huts — spaced a day's journey apart — would provide accommodations, including dinner and breakfast and offer educational opportunities, for up to 40 guests for about \$45 each a night.

The first phase of the system, from Carrabassett Valley to Flagstaff Lake, could begin construction by next summer.

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## Some new wrinkles in Newry Comp plan

By ALISON ALOISIO

A draft of Newry's updated comprehensive plan, which will be voted on at the annual Town Meeting, includes a proposed land-use plan with a new look.

Newry's Comprehensive Plan Committee is nearing completion of a plan that revises the town's 1992 document. A public forum and hearing is expected to take place next month, with the vote in March.

John Maloney of AVCOG, who is assisting the committee with its work, presented an overview of the plan to selectmen Tuesday. The plan is still a work in progress, and will be discussed further at the committee's Dec. 19 meeting.

The 2002 version has several new elements, said Maloney, including

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## House built too close to riverbank poses precedent problem

Bethel selectmen asked for after-the-fact OK

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The Bethel Board of Selectmen has tentatively approved an after-the-fact building intrusion into a "resource protection" zone along the Androsoggin River.

The main foundation of a house recently built in the Taylor Woods Subdivision intrudes 27 feet beyond the 250-foot resource protection boundary. A deck on the house extends another 10 feet, and the house's septic field is also in the

protected zone.

The subdivision has been approved by the town Planning Board, and the previous Code Enforcement Officer signed off on the building permit for the house (private residences are not reviewed by the Planning Board).

Tom Dubois of Maine Land Development Consultants — which is representing the house's owner, Bob Martin — told the selectmen last week the problem was that as the house was laid out, everyone assumed it was in one of the other three Shoreland Zoning areas, all of which allow for construction to within 100 of the protected waterway.

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## Telstar hoops season underway

By ALISON ALOISIO

Girls' basketball coach Aaron Bean finds himself in the same position field hockey coach Gail Wight did this fall — plenty of talent, not a lot of varsity experience.

Bean would be happy, though, if he could achieve similar results. After a slow start, Wight's squad made it all the way to the Eastern Class C championship game.

The basketball Rebels started slow in their season opener, losing to powerful Winthrop, 52-28. Bean only took six girls to that game, as three were sidelined with injuries.

The injured players included freshmen guards Jillian Kimball and Kelsey Dole, who were expected to return for this week's game. Junior guard Ashley Stambolis is out until January after having knee surgery.

Only two of Bean's players are returning varsity veterans — senior Lauren Hart, a forward, and junior Krystle Gould, also a forward.

Rounding out the lineup are junior Santana Wilson (guard); and freshmen Chea Davis (forward); Liz

Rosenberg (guard); and Lindsay Hart (forward).

Lauren Hart is a complete package for the Rebels. "She's the leader, a scorer and a rebounder," said Bean. And Gould, he said, "is really coming on."

The freshmen players "are talented, and tough ball players mentally," he said. It's mainly a case of learning to adapt to the faster pace of play at the high school varsity level.

The young players are on a steep learning curve, with the toughest teams scheduled early in the season.

But Bean has higher hopes as the season progresses. "We'd like to get a spot to try to go to Augusta (for the playoffs). But at the same time, we've got to be patient."

Boys

Over on the boys' side, coach Larry Durgin is also dealing with injuries and inexperience.

Returning center Gavin Palmer, a senior, is out until January with a knee injury. Senior guard and captain Kinsey Durgin just returned from a knee

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The Bethel Rotary Club has raised \$6,100 toward its goal of \$8,000 in this year's Christmas for Children campaign.

The money will be used to purchase toys for needy local boys & girls.

Donations can be sent to: The Bethel Rotary Club Christmas for Children c/o David Murphy 844 Mayville Road Bethel, ME 04217



## Letters

### AUTHORITY'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### To the Editor:

It occurred to me that your readers might benefit from another view of the Bethel Airport Authority — the subject of so many column inches in the paper recently.

The Authority grew out of the Airport Advisory Committee, which struggled valiantly for many years to insure the survival of the airport originally started by local visionaries both to meet the needs of aviators and as a key piece of infrastructure for the town. This committee was replaced in the 1990s by the Airport Authority. The original Authority ordinance was written in part to relieve the Board of Selectmen of many of the time-consuming tasks involved in the revision of the Master Plan and the ongoing development of the airport into a safe and functioning entity. The Airport Authority ordinance was blended into an overall town ordinance recently, but the mission and responsibilities of the Authority remained the same.

The accomplishments of the Airport Authority since its creation are many and have been ignored in the recent articles and letters in The Citizen. The revision of the Airport Master Plan was a complicated multi-year project that laid the foundation for further improvements. The multi-million dollar airport expansion project that has just been completed was the result of years of work and a delicate balancing of the needs of the FAA, DEP, MDOT, local businesses, abutters and the town. Simpler projects such as the improvements to the pilots' lounge, the addition of a bathroom, and handicapped access were the result of a great deal of time and contributions by individual Authority members and others interested in the airport. The purchase of the Blum lot, the extension of the water line to the airport, the acquisition of a fuel system and the resolution of the access road impasse were spearheaded and completed by the Airport Authority. There are minutes of all meetings, clearly documenting the activities of the Authority. These are available to all at the Town Office and a reading of the record certainly would not indicate that the Authority is a liability and an embarrassment to our community, as Dr. Mason rather dramatically stated in his recent letter.

As with any public committee, there have been bumps in the road; the number and complexity of easements required for the runway project made for some difficult and often contentious sledding; the problems with the most recent Fixed Base Operator contract were particularly difficult for both the Authority and our staff and would have challenged any board; and, most recently, the disagreement within the Authority, and between the Authority and the Board of Selectmen, over the desirability of acquiring the ASC hangar was unfortunate. As with any public board or committee, personalities and process may clash, and in this case they did. However, all members have been and are devoted to the airport and to seeing it develop, and most of the time we have been able to build on individual strengths on the board and work together.

The Authority is moving ahead; at our Dec. 4 meeting, we revised the hangar lease agreement and expect to finish this on Dec. 18 for review by the selectmen in January; completed plans for the fuel system and engine heaters to be ready for use by Christmas vacation; discussed the issue of the runway lights to be continued at the next meeting when complete information is available; opted for additional staff support; reviewed our budget; discussed our plans for a Web site; and planned for the Celebration of the Runway in the spring.

Residents of Bethel who are asked to sign the petition to dissolve the Authority should keep in mind the huge accomplishments of this board. The Airport Authority is neither a liability nor an embarrassment; it is a group of volunteer citizens consisting of a balance of aviators and non-aviators who are devoted to maintaining and developing an important public facility.

Cathy Newell  
Airport Authority Member

### WHAT MEETING?

#### To the Editor:

John Mason's Page 2 Letter to the Editor in your Dec. 5, 2002 edition makes a rather wild accusation. He states that four of us "met secretly and illegally" to discuss airport matters. This is untrue, a falsehood which we cannot let stand. There was no such meeting. It is unfortunate that Mason did not get his facts straight before lashing out at us again. He owes the readers of The Citizen, and the citizens of Bethel, an immediate and unqualified apology for having this falsehood published.

John B. Head, Eric Wight, Richard Theriault, Arlan Jodrey  
Members, Bethel Airport Authority

### SHARING THE HEALING

#### To the Editor:

I was very pleased to read the article concerning the transformational work that Erin Collins has been involved with. Thank you to Erin for sharing such a personal process of her life. It's important that our community paper include personal sharings like this. Erin's story helps many of us know the possibility of healing and transformation through art and the value of working with someone, rather than feeling isolated with one's grief.

It was a thoughtfully written article. Thank you.

Emily Ecker  
Bryant Pond

### LIGHT UP THOSE VEHICLES

#### To the Editor:

Just a quick note to invite any and all who would like to participate in the annual lighted vehicle parade for New Year's Bethel that will kick off the 5th anniversary of this event on Dec. 31 to assemble at the Bethel Family Health Center parking lot on Railroad Street beginning at 5:30 p.m. The parade will begin at 6 p.m. and move up Main Street, around the town common, and back down Main Street to the point of origin. Doug Wilson has once again agreed to act as the coordinator. Those with questions or need for further information should give him a call at 824-3180.

Let's make this year's parade the best ever.

Stan Howe  
Executive Director, Bethel Historical Society

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**LONG-HAUL COUGARS**—(from left): Terry Gordon, Ben Rosenberg and Gavin Broomhall traveled 25 miles a day, four days a week in order to pursue their love of football.  
(Photo by Susan Gordon)

### BRING BACK FOOTBALL

#### To the Editor:

Three local boys just finished off a great season of football — unfortunately not for Telstar. Terry Gordon, Ben Rosenberg and Gavin Broomhall traveled 25 miles a day, four days a week to be a part of the game every body loves.

For two years now Gavin and Ben have been playing area youth football in the Rumford-Mexico area, and this year all three boys became a part of a program started by Hart Daley of Dixfield. It was the first football played on Dixfield soil in 20 years, since they stopped their football program in the '80s. Recently, the town and school voted to bring back football to Dixfield with a very large support system from the community.

There is a community spirit as well as school spirit that no other team sport brings like football does. Wouldn't it be great if our community and school could work together to accomplish this for our kids, too?

Berta Broomhall  
Greenwood

### MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

#### To the Editor:

With all due respect to the police log, there is much more to it than meets the eye. In this particular case, the true perpetrator is made out to be the victim. But for those of us who knew better, rest comes peaceably at night. It is unfortunate and incredibly sad when people refuse to "live and let live." This precarious gift of life we take for granted is much too short for such trifling.

Kelly Churchill  
Bethel

### REAL PERPETRATOR WILL BE BROUGHT TO LIGHT

#### To the Editor:

In response to the police log dated Dec. 2, 8:35 p.m., I can see why you'd pick that particular entry. After all, the word terrorizing is a real eye catcher, especially with all that's going on in the world today. It's too bad you don't follow up on the outcome of these cases you find so interesting. If a person is exonerated, you don't bother to print that. If the charges against someone are newsworthy, the results should be, too. Not very interesting to write, "So and so was found not guilty of the crime we wrote about last week," is it? Not really the dirty laundry you're looking for.

Also, if the truth be told, and it will be, the real terrorizing wasn't done by the one charged. When the verdict is in and the results become public information, the real perpetrator will be brought to light, and that one telephone call was nothing compared to what the real victims had to endure.

Dennis Smith  
Bethel

### THANK YOU TO SUNDAY RIVER

#### To the Editor:

On behalf of the Bethel Rotary Club, I would like to publicly extend a heartfelt thank you to the Sunday River Skiway Corporation. Through the efforts of Vice President of Operations Marvin Collins, as well as Mary McPheters of the marketing department, Sunday River has been very generous in supporting our most recent fundraising efforts. This past Sunday they donated all of the entry fees from their Skiing Santa promotion to the Bethel Rotary Club's Christmas for Children program. This program helps provide Christmas presents for children of families in need residing in the SAD44 area. They also recently made a significant purchase of poinsettias from the Rotary Club during our annual poinsettia sale fundraiser. This money is used to support many local and international projects. Lastly, I would like to thank them for their support of Rotary International's Eradication Program. Sunday River is sponsoring the Polio Plus Ski Day at Sunday River on Jan. 24.

Thanks again to Sunday River Skiway Corporation for its continued support of the Bethel Rotary Club through which it helps support many programs here in the community and worldwide.

Dr. Michael J. Liberti  
President

### Consent decree

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According to MLDC, the encroachment problem was discovered by a realtor listing the house. Following the discovery, the house was temporarily taken off the market, which put a pending sale on hold.

Dubois told the selectmen: "A lot of people just missed this and we just want to correct it as best we can."

To help resolve the situation, Town Manager Scott Cole described four possible alternatives:

"1) A Letter of No Action should only commit the town to non-enforcement of its ordinance for non-specific period of time, and that the town reserves the right to enforce at a later date. Furthermore, it should only be executed by the CEO or Town Manager. The primary purpose of a Letter of No Action is to quickly clear the way for financing, where the loan is to be secured by the property in question.

"2) A Consent Decree is a permanent action that binds both parties to its terms. Upon execution, it is recorded and becomes part of the property's title history. Financial penalties and/or other actions may be imposed on the property owner in exchange for the town's consent to the ordinance violation.

"3) A Variance approved by the Board of Appeals would permanently remedy the situation. This is a long shot, given the criteria, which must be met for a variance.

"4) An Ordinance Amendment approved by the town vote, would permanently remedy the situation." Dubois told the selectmen that he

and Rich St. John, the town's current CEO, recommend the selectmen pursue the first alternative, a Letter of No Action, and, perhaps concurrently, a consent decree.

Dubois noted that the site in question is "non-sensitive" in the eyes of the state. A letter to the selectmen from MLDC describes the land as follows:

"The topography of the site is a high embankment to the Androscoggin River, which drops off steeply approximately 60 feet behind the house. Also there is no Floodplain Zone on this area because of the high elevation. It is a heavily forested and stable embankment that does not meet the sensitive environmental criteria, which is normally required for Resource Protection."

The location, Dubois said, "really fits your limited residential description a whole lot better than it fits your resource protection."

St. John concurred, and suggested that the current resource protection designation had probably been done without an on-site inspection. In the letter to the selectmen, MLDC argued: "Based on these existing conditions the State has suggested the owner seek a Shoreland Zone District change, which splits to Limited Residential for the upper bank and Resource Protection on the steep bank to the River. This is not an uncommon adjustment of the Shoreland Zoning District along rivers as Town's take a closer look at these initial 1990's blanket District designations. However, Mr. Martin's house issue before us is seeking after the fact relief."

#### Sympathetic, but ...

The selectmen acknowledged that oversights by town officials played a role in creating the current situation, but they had some reservations about issuing a consent decree.

Selectman Reggie Brown was concerned about the board becoming involved in decisions normally left to the Planning Board and Board of Appeals.

"Are we circumventing the whole process?" he asked.

Their main concern, however, was that by approving a consent decree in this case they could be setting a troublesome precedent.

Chairman Dutch Dresser said he was worried about being called on in the future to "issue a consent decree for a case where someone simply didn't do what was supposed to be done."

"I am most concerned about the effect of this decision in three weeks when it comes in again," he said.

"Are we going to discover this with other properties up there?" he asked.

"It could happen," Cole replied.

Nonetheless there was clear consensus on the board that some action was required, and a motion by Reggie Brown to issue a consent decree was eventually approved in concept — but pending the selectmen's approval of language proposed by the town attorney before the board's meeting on Dec. 16.

The legal fees involved are to be paid by the developer.

## Our Back Pages

Compiled by JOHN BROWN

**10 years ago:** The SAD44 Board of Directors voted to explore the creation of a policy to make condominiums available to Telstar Middle/High School students through the school nurse.

Woodstock Elementary School presented its holiday concert to a standing-room-only audience.

Gould alpine ski coaches Lauren Head, Sue Gardner and Uel Gardner had attended the US Ski Coaches Association Elite Ski Coaches Clinic at the Killington Ski Area in Vermont.

Sandy's Kitchen moved from the West Bethel Store to the Ta-Ka-Radi building.

Christine and Alan Lowe assumed the operation of Bellmont "Bunker" House's fresh fish truck.

Deaths: Florence A. Lovejoy, Roger C. Sabin, Evelyn B. Cockburn.

**20 years ago:** American Home Products announced the appointment of Duane E. Gilbert Jr. as plant manager of Ekco Housewares Co., Locke Mills.

Lorena W. Simmons was appointed postmaster at East Andover.

Temperatures of 20 below zero were reported from Magalloway.

Birth: Nicholas Andrew Tift.

Death: Margaret Barth Ellis.

**30 years ago:** Miss Alice Mundt, native of Bethel, librarian of the Worcester (Mass.) Art Museum since 1937, retired from that position on Dec. 1. She continued as curator of prints and drawings.

The Sherburne Corporation, owner and operator of Killington Ski Resort in central Vermont, acquired the controlling interest of the Sunday River Skiway Corporation.

Birth: Emily Barker Keyes.

Deaths: Donald Norvin Humphrey, Warren A. (Fon) Thompson, J. Millard Fraser, Ethel P. Bisbee, Mary A. Abbott.

**40 years ago:** Completion of a highway project in Albany eliminated a dangerous intersection at Albany Town House. Roland Annis Jr. was supervisor of the project.

An auto repair garage on Alpine Street in Norway, operated by Ernie Luneau, was destroyed by fire with an estimated damage of \$30,000. The structure was owned by Rupert Aldrich and at one time was an airport hangar.

Herbert Whitman of Bryant Pond accepted a position in Farmington as an apprentice printer.

The Children's Dance Theater of Bethel presented "Babes In Toyland" at Odeon Hall directed by Susan Farrar.

Shaw's Market at the corner of Main and Church streets closed the last week in November.

Correction: Jerry Smith succeeded Ken Lasseter as ski instructor at Mt. Abram Ski Slopes. (The item had been correctly reported.)

Births: Rodney Bernard Harrington 2nd, Gregory Edward Newell.

**50 years ago:** For the third time, Paul Thurston's Shaker Farm Diana was State Champion of Production, having made 14,631 pounds of milk and 801 pounds of butterfat in 305 days of production, three times milking as a six year old.

Gould Academy sports teams chose captains for the 1953 season. Carroll Melville would be captain of the football team and Robert Lingham the cross-country squad.

Betty Berry, 17, of Dixfield won national 4-H honors and accepted a \$300 college scholarship in the National 4-H Clothing Contest.

**60 years ago:** The Frank Stevens farm house, South Bethel, was destroyed in an early morning fire. The family escaped with very little clothing. Nothing was saved from the home.

**70 years ago:** Five thousand trout from the Dry Mills fish hatchery were placed in Songo Pond. Four thousand were placed in Sunday River.

**80 years ago:** Prof. W.S. Wight's concert was a great success. Bethel Grange Hall was packed with people.

**90 years ago:** YMCA was organized at Gould Academy with over 30 members.

**100 years ago:** J.D. Hutchinson leased Bennett's Tavern in Gilead for a period of years.

W.C. Bryant moved to his Summer Street house (now owned by Gould Academy, and Marvin and Tineke Ouwinga reside there).

James Blanchard was fined \$3 for intoxication. He could not pay the fine, so spent 30 days in jail.

Marriage: Ada Lowe and Edward Wilson.

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## Briefly

### Board denies appeals

**BETHEL**—The Board of Appeals Tuesday denied two appeals. The first appeal was from Darlene Corriveau, regarding the Planning Board's denial of her Community Attributes for People Involved in Self Help (CAPHIS), located on Summer Street. The board upheld the planners' denial because several items, such as a lighting plan, were missing from the site plan application. The second appeal came from Randy and Mike Harrington, who objected to one of the board's conditions of approval regarding their proposed Hen House Storage on the Emery Road. The board had stipulated the road's entrance not be widened nor the location changed.

### LURC slated to review gravel pit

**ALBANY**—Members of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission were expected to consider an after-the-fact mineral extraction permit for Allen Hamilton and JMG Corp. at a meeting Wednesday in Augusta. Project analyst Michael Demarest said the LURC staff would recommend denial of the permit to extract gravel and sand from 11.6 acres of the applicants' 25-acre lot. The lot is located off Route 5 in Albany, between Mosquito and Kneeland ponds. JMG was also seeking a reduction of the 250-foot minimum setback requirement from the boundary lines of adjoining properties to 100 feet. But the LURC staff believed that would cause undue adverse impact to adjacent wetlands and one property owner's use of a camp. The issue arose about two years ago, when the previous owner of the JMG property extracted gravel and harvested timber without applying for a permit or asking permission of the abutting landowners. JMG then bought the land and unknowingly inherited the violations. If the permit was denied, the LURC staff was expected to work with the applicants to find ways to extract gravel outside of the setback requirement.

### 22-acre gravel pit proposed

**GILEAD**—An application for a 22-acre gravel pit, located near Taylor Flats along Route 2, will go to the Department of Environmental Protection for consideration. The property is currently owned by Roy Newton, but Pike Industries of Lewiston would become the new owner if the plan is approved by DEP.

### C.B. Cummings to be auctioned

**NORWAY**—C.B. Cummings and Sons was scheduled to be auctioned off today (Thursday). The wood products plant, built in 1860, closed in late September. As recently as five years ago 200 people worked at the business. Up for auction are buildings and land at the manufacturing complex, as well as equipment.

### Joint football team for Dirigo, Buckfield

**DIXFIELD**—Dirigo High School will merge its new football program with Buckfield, following a vote last week by SAD21 directors. The move will save Dirigo money in start-up costs for the program, because Buckfield has had a junior varsity program for several years, and will bring equipment to the joint venture. The cost to Dirigo is estimated at \$10,000, to be raised by a local boosters club. The team will practice in Canton and split home games between Dixfield and Buckfield.

### Santa Sunday raises \$2,460

**NEWRY**—Sunday River's 60 open trails were full of holiday spirit this weekend in the third annual Santa Sunday, part of the Santa Weekend events at the resort. Nearly 250 participants donned St. Nick's attire in order to receive a free day of skiing or riding, as well as two vouchers that can be used anytime before Dec. 20. Sunday River collected a minimum donation of \$10 from each Santa, in total, raising \$2,460 for the Bethel Rotary Club's annual Christmas drive for families in need.

### Telstar Winter Concert planned

**BETHEL**—The Telstar Music Department will hold its annual Winter Concert Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m., in the Helen Berry Auditorium at Telstar. The Telstar Middle School Chorus and Band and the High School Chorus and Concert Band will be featured. Tom Coolidge will conduct the TMS musicians and Jennifer Bennett will conduct the THS musicians. Admission is free, but donations are greatly appreciated. There will be refreshments for all after the concert, sponsored by the Music Boosters Organization.

### Living Nativity volunteers needed

**BETHEL**—Organizers of the Living Nativity, to take place Dec. 22 at the Bethel Common, are seeking volunteers to take part in the event. A couple with a baby to play the Holy Family, shepherds, wise men, angels, choir members and farm animals are all needed. Anyone wishing to take part may come at 3:30 p.m., or may call in advance at 824-2289 (Bethel Alliance Church).

### BOC offers X-C ski program

**BETHEL**—Area youths in grades eight and under are invited to take part in an inexpensive cross-country ski program designed to teach the skills necessary to become fast, safe, and efficient on skis. The program is offered by the Bethel Outing Club in conjunction with the Bill Koch Youth Ski League. There will also be a separate "lollipop" group for the youngest skiers for playing on skis and learning basic skills. Practice times will be Sunday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. at local Nordic ski centers, including the Bethel Inn, Carter's X-C, Gould Academy, Telstar, and Sunday River Inn. The program will run consecutive Sunday afternoons beginning Dec. 15, and conclude with the Bill Koch New England Festival, March 7-9. The program emphasizes skill-building and fun with options to participate in several local races and other fun events including a skiathlon (uphill/downhill course on x-c skis), dart gun biathlon, and Bethel's Flying Moose Classic. Additional opportunities will be available on some Saturdays or Friday evenings, such as moonlight skiing at local ski touring centers. The \$20 fee for the season per child includes: coaching, trail fees at Carter's X-C, Sunday River Inn, and the Bethel Inn, use of Bethel Outing Club equipment for interested youngsters who do not own equipment, and New England Bill Koch Youth Ski League membership benefits (details available at [www.nensa.net](http://www.nensa.net)). There is no charge for the lollipop program. Coaches include Brad Clarke (head coach), Kirk Siegel, Mike Cooper, and others. The first practice is Sunday, December 15 at 1 p.m. at the Gould Academy Fieldhouse. Conditions permitting, there will be skiing that first day, so kids should bring their gear. Interested children or parents may contact Brad Clarke at 824-4692 for any questions regarding equipment, scheduling, and registration. To receive a registration form by email, or for further information on the club, send inquiries to [kirks@megalink.net](mailto:kirks@megalink.net). The purpose of the Bethel Outing Club is to promote Nordic skiing and family-oriented outings with particular emphasis on youth ski programs.

### Bottle drive to benefit spring trip

**BETHEL**—A bottle drive is scheduled for Saturday at the SAD44 bus garage from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Telstar High School baseball team's trip to Florida this spring.

### Friends of THS to meet

**BETHEL**—The Friends of Telstar High School will meet Dec. 16 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Telstar Library. The guest speakers will be principal Shawn Lambert and Telstar class officers. Holiday refreshments will be served. The organization is also seeking non-perishable food items for the organization's holiday food drive. Donations may be brought to the meeting.

### From the Bethel Police Log:

#### Accidents, with some injuries

Friday, Dec. 6

At 11:50 p.m. police received a report of an accident with possible injuries on the Sunday River Road. When the officer arrived, there was no vehicle and a passerby reported the car had left.

At 2:25 p.m. police responded to a two-vehicle accident on Route 26. A southbound vehicle had crossed into the northbound lane, striking another vehicle head on. The four occupants of the two vehicles, two of them from Bethel, were taken to Stephens Memorial Hospital by Bethel Rescue, treated and released.

At 4:30 p.m. police responded to a report of a three-vehicle accident on Route 26. Two rear-end collisions resulted when a pickup truck stopped to pick up an item that had fallen from the truck. All occupants were checked by Bethel Rescue, but no one was transported.

Sunday, Dec. 8

At 3:46 p.m. police responded to a single vehicle rollover with injuries by the Baker Road on the Songo Pond Road. The car skidded in slippery conditions and rolled over into the ditch. One person was transported by Bethel Rescue to Stephens Memorial Hospital for head and back injuries. The other two occupants were not injured.

At 5 p.m. police assisted at the scene of a traffic accident on the Gore Road in Woodstock. A state trooper arrested a subject for OUI.

Thursday, Dec. 5

In response to a request, the police chief attended the morning story time at a daycare and read a book to the children about police cars.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists all cases of adults being arrested or issued a criminal summons in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of other police activity.

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## Huts

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According to Warren, the land acquisitions, easements, and leases for the trail corridor and three hut sites are completed and most of the financing is in the works.

But the proposal has raised the ire of the Friends of Bigelow. Eight miles of the trail would cross the Bigelow Preserve. One of the hut sites, Flagstaff Lake frontage owned by CMP, is on land in Dead River Township that the Friends contend is supposed to become part of the Bigelow Preserve.

## The Public Advocate

To prevent the Flagstaff hut and trail, Dick Fecteau, chairman of Friends of Bigelow, asked the Public Advocate for the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to intervene. Fecteau said he believes it is illegal for CMP to lease the Flagstaff land for commercial purposes.

The property is one of the many parcels acquired by Kennebec Reservoir Company in the 1920s and '30s for an ambitious project — building the dams on the Dead River that created Flagstaff Lake and drowned the town of Flagstaff. CMP acquired the holdings of the Kennebec Reservoir Company in 1940.

Eric Bryant, senior counsel for the Public Advocate Office, has asked the PUC to investigate the lease, based on Fecteau's complaint. A Dec. 2 press release explains the basis for the request:

"These acquisitions were made under the threat of eminent domain. Because of the grant of eminent domain authority came directly from the Legislature and concerned a specific area of land, we question the legality of any commercial use of the property."

According to Bryant, the Public Advocate's complaint is with CMP's efforts to lease the land for commercial purposes, not with the proposed hut and trail system. "The concern to us is that a utility given eminent domain power is developing something without going back to the Legislature for permission to do so. We would take the same action if the lease was for a gas station or a casino."

In an 11-page legal brief the Public Advocate's Office filed with the PUC, it suggests that acquiring property under threat of eminent domain is enough to "infuse the property with the public use requirement," and suggests that the ratepayers are entitled to part of the proceeds from the lease. But the same document also asks the PUC to void the lease.

The brief does not suggest an appropriate public use for the land: "We believe that the decision concerning a proper public use of the property is one for the Legislature."

When asked if the hut system, which would expand public access to the Bigelow Preserve, constituting a public use, Bryant responded, "We've made the decision that this is not a public use."

Fecteau, however, is certain of the public use the Legislature should opt for. "The Bureau of Parks and Lands needs to acquire

that land to complete the boundaries of the preserve," he said. "All the land in Dead River Township is supposed to be part of the preserve."

The PUC has asked CMP to respond to the complaint by Dec. 18. After receiving CMP's response, the PUC commissioners will decide if they should undertake an investigation. There are no time constraints on that decision.

## CMP's perspective

CMP spokesperson, David Allen, said, "We have a long-standing arrangement to allow public use of our property. This (trail and hut) is about as low-impact as you can make a proposal, it's not a luxury lodge. We see absolutely no merit in the complaint. The land was not taken by eminent domain."

According to Allen, the lease has already been signed, and the Public Advocate's actions are unlikely to change CMP's legal agreement with Western Mountain Foundation or their ability to build a hut on the site.

CMP has leased other lots in the area. Although Allen was unsure of the specifics of each lease, he said the leases were for individual camps and to rafting companies. If the PUC does undertake an investigation, all these leases may come under review.

## The Bigelow Preserve

The Bigelow Preserve was created by referendum vote in 1976, when a group of out-of-state developers planned to build a giant ski resort there. The referendum, which passed by a vote of 85,000 to 80,000, allowed for snowmobiling and timber harvesting, but no other mechanized traffic, including cross-country groomers.

The 36,000-acre preserve contains the entire Bigelow Range. It is traversed by one of the most difficult sections of the Appalachian Trail. According to Ralph Knoll,

director of planning and land acquisition for the Bureau of Parks and Lands, the preserve is managed by a plan adopted in 1989.

"Our initial notion was for snowmobiling and skiing on one trail," Knoll said. "It appears to make more sense to separate the uses." When the management plan was written, Knoll said that there wasn't a lot of interest in cross-country skiing, and snowmobiles were louder and slower than they are today.

Knoll suggested that additional hiking trails in the preserve might help disburse some of the foot traffic off the AT. "The AT that goes across the preserve is heavily used, over used," he said.

The bureau is working with Warren to find a route to cross the preserve. But because of the language in the referendum, Knoll said it is unlikely the trail could be groomed unless the Legislature approves it.

Friends of Bigelow founder, Lance Tapley, said, "This was preserved by the people of the state for their heritage, it was not meant to be a subset of Sugarloaf. The whole project could change the whole western mountain experience; it needs to be looked at carefully."

Many residents in communities along the proposed trail see an opportunity to stimulate the local economy. Wednesday night, Warren met with community leaders in Millinocket, who told him they would like to find a way to connect their town to the trail — if it ever gets built. Warren said he has heard the same thing from residents in Kingfield, The Forks, Andover, and from residents here in Bethel.

Landon Fake, director of Hurricane Island Outward Bound and president of the Mahoosuc Land Trust, said, "I'm very supportive of projects that support low-impact recreation — non-motorized recreation. It puts us on the map as being a destination for people who are interested in responsible use of the back country."

## Newry

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sections addressing a future land-use plan, a capital-investment plan, a hazard-mitigation plan and a plan to participate in regional coordination with other towns.

The land-use plan proposes to revise the town's previous land use map to include new development areas.

For example, the Branch Road and the Powder Ridge development would be added to the existing general development areas, to reflect the development trend in those areas in the past 10 years. They had previously been included under the "rural development" designation.

## Newry's population has grown by 46 percent over the past 20 years.

The general development area covers a wide range of development, including single-family residences, multi-family residences, and mobile home parks.

In another proposed change, the area within Sunday River Ski Resort would have a new classification as a "resort development area" instead of the current general development designation.

According to the draft's explanation, "Development standards need to be flexible to allow concentrated development and the creation of village commercial areas. In addition, standards to manage storm water, erosion, sewage disposal, water supply, transportation systems, impact on the visual landscape and architectural character must all be considered in development review."

A third type of land use designation proposed is the "critical rural area," intended to maintain large blocks of forestland and open space.

The label corresponds to the rural development area designation of the 1992 plan, and includes most of Newry's land. Development in those areas, said Maloney, would be largely limited by nature, because of the difficulty accessing much of the land.

The capital-investment plan identifies needs anticipated over the next 10 years, including road improvements, Sunday River water-

shed improvements, Grange Hall improvements, recreation easements; new fire equipment, and possibly a Scenic Byway turn-out/information center.

The new hazard-mitigation section addresses ways to minimize the effects of natural disasters, such as winter and summer storms and droughts. Steps might include a public infrastructure improvement plan to correct areas frequently damaged by flooding.

The regional coordination section addresses such areas as affordable housing and economic development.

## Noteworthy statistics

The committee also compiled an inventory of the town's resources, drawing on several sources of information, including the 2000 census.

Among the statistical findings: the year-round population has increased by 46 percent over the past 20 years, to 344; the population is expected to reach 400 by 2013; the peak season population may reach 20,000 by 2013 (currently 10,000); Newry's labor force has been stable over the past five years; 33 percent of residents work in recreation/entertainment jobs; Newry's median household income, at \$42,300, was the highest of surrounding communities and higher than Oxford County; in 2000 there were 161 year-round homes and 914 seasonal/second homes; the median sale price of an "off-mountain" home is \$140,000; between 1990 and 2001, 62 percent of the new residential structures were constructed in the Sunday River Valley and 38 percent in the Bear River Valley.

Maloney said the committee plans a mailing to residents informing them when the plan will be available for review and when the public meetings will take place.

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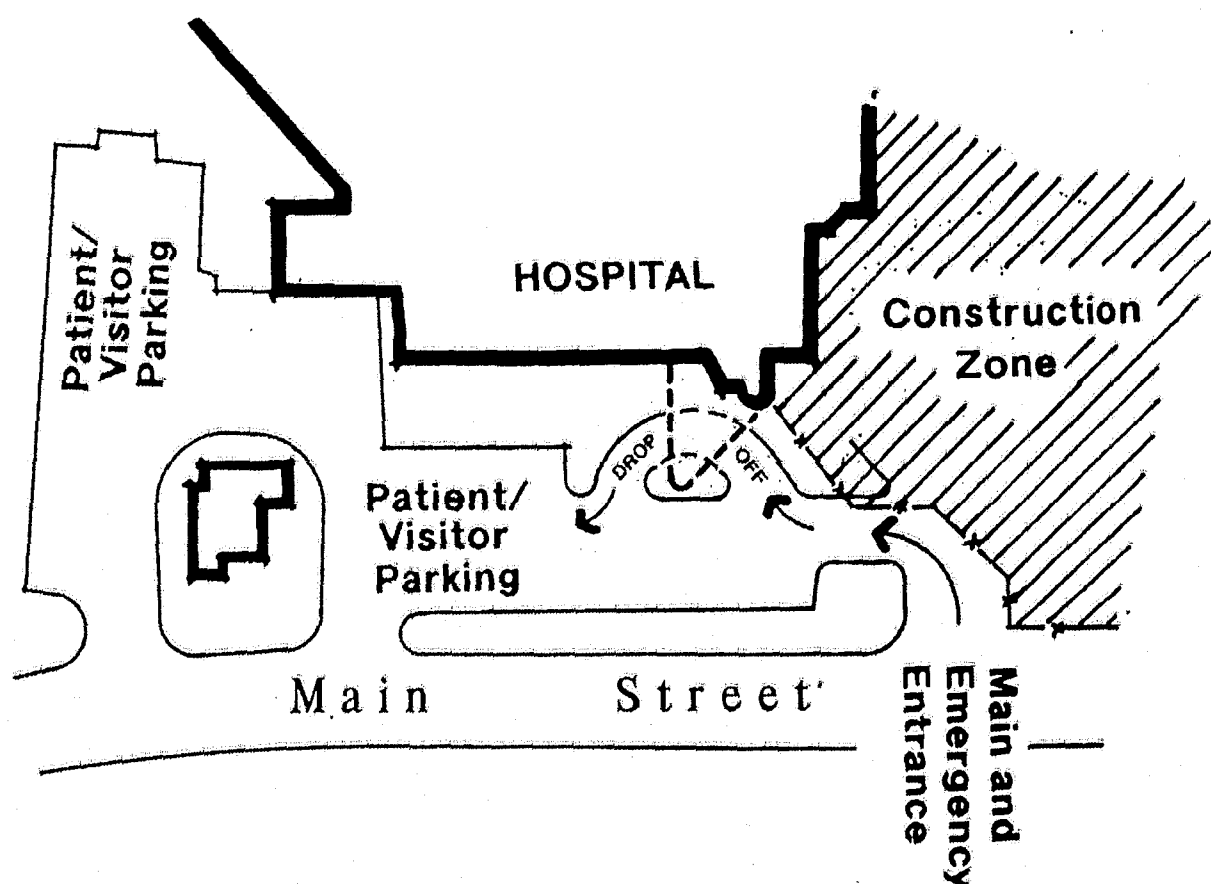
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**Saturday, December 14:**

### *Snowman Celebration Sale*

at The Village Sampler, 63 Main St. Every snowman and snowman ornament will be 20-30% off. Huge selection in all colors and styles. Enjoy eggnog or warm cider. Open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (207) 824-4438.

**Saturday, December 14:**

### *Open House*

at Designs Interiors and Florals, 2 Mechanic St. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Warm up with refreshments. Holiday wreaths, trees, poinsettias, garlands, fresh arrangements and hard-to-find gifts. Lamps, rugs, fabrics, blinds and drapes - free consultation. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (207) 824-0888.

**Saturday, December 14:**

### *Wagon rides*

in Bethel village. Meet at the fire station. 2-4 p.m.

**Saturday, December 14:**

### *Open House*

at Maine Line Products. Free coffee and refreshments, special unadvertised sales, free gift wrapping, both locations. 23 Main St., Bethel and 297 Main St, Greenwood. 875-2522 or 824-2522.

**Sunday, December 15:**

### *Classic Technique Camp for Juniors*

at Great Glen Trails Outdoor Center, Pinkham Notch, NH. Coached by Olympian, Sue Wemyss. Pre-registration required - \$30 includes all day trail pass. [www.GreatGlenTrails.com](http://www.GreatGlenTrails.com) or 603.466.2333.

**Wednesday, December 18:**

### *Create a Fresh Holiday Topiary*

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**Wednesday - Friday, December 18-20:**

### *PSIA Instructor Training Course*

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**Friday, December 20:**

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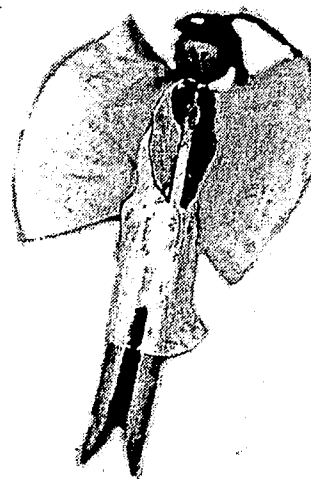
## Christmas Crafts & Games for the Whole Family!

### Clothes Pin Angel

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#### You'll Need:

- Old fashioned clothes pins (not the kind with a spring)
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- Color Markers - sharp tip for face
- Paper muffin liners (white)
- Black or yellow yarn for hair
- White glue



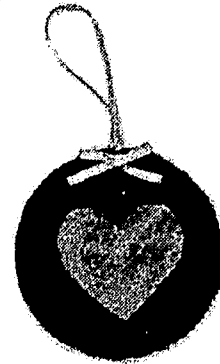
1. Draw a face on the head of the clothes pin.
2. Cut some small pieces of yarn for the hair and glue on.
3. Cut a muffin liner in two for wing
4. Glue wings to back of clothes pin
5. Dress the angel in either a cloth or paper dress, use glue to fix "dress" to body.

### Easy Christmas Ornament

This craft is a great one to do with your kids!

#### You'll Need:

- 2 different pieces of scrap material - one plain and one patterned
- Sheets of fusing material
- Pinking sheers and scissors
- Light Cardboard
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- Narrow Ribbon



Use a can or juice lid to make a circle on the plain material (it could be any shape), cut 2 pieces. Cut out the same size circle of cardboard. Look in a coloring book or magazines for a shape to trace for the middle of your ornament (both sides). Trace the shape on to the patterned material. Cut out shapes and circles. Cut fusing material just a bit smaller than the shape and circle. Cut a length of ribbon to use as a hanger. Fuse each circle to the faces of the cardboard circle with the one end of the ribbon between the fusing material and the material at the top of the ornament on each side. Fuse the shapes to each side of the circles. Hang your creation on the tree!

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**Candy Cane.** Buy red and white beads, string on a pipe cleaner bend ends to hold beads on. A ribbon can be added.

#### Source:

Christmas Time Together at [imagineit.com](http://imagineit.com)

### Candy Cane Pass (relay race)

**Supplies:** 4 candy canes per team (have extras due to breakage)

**How to play:** Player holds 4 candy canes between fingers and passes them down the line, teammate to teammate, without dropping.

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**Supplies:** Straw for each child "Ornaments" cut out of tissue paper

**How to play:** Pass the ornaments down the line, teammate to teammate, by inhaling and exhaling on the straw to hang onto or release ornament. No hands!

### Rudolph Dash

**Supplies:** Cut circles out of red construction paper. Vaseline.

**How to play:** Have child put Vaseline on their nose and then put the red circles on their nose. Relay race to the finish with each new person adding their red nose. If nose falls, go back to bowl and add more Vaseline and reapply nose.

### Santa Says

**How to play:** Played similar to Simon Says. the player up is "Santa". Player will say "Santa says hop on one foot". The children will hop on one foot. Player will say "Stop". The children are to keep hopping on one foot until player says "Santa Says stop". Repeat for additional activities such as take one baby step forward, step backwards, turn around, sit down. Sometimes Santa will say "Santa says" and sometimes he won't. It is a fun game to play with young children.

### Fill the Christmas Stocking

**Supplies:** Stocking for each team. Spoon for each team. Bowl for each team. Wrapped Candy.

**How to play:** Divide into teams. Have players line up at one end of the room. At the other end, hang a Christmas stocking for each team. Place a bowl of candy and a spoon in front of each team. Each player takes a turn taking a candy from the bowl with the spoon. They then carry the candy on the spoon to the stocking and drop the candy in the stocking. Race back to the next person in line, give them the spoon. First team to fill the stocking wins!

#### Source:

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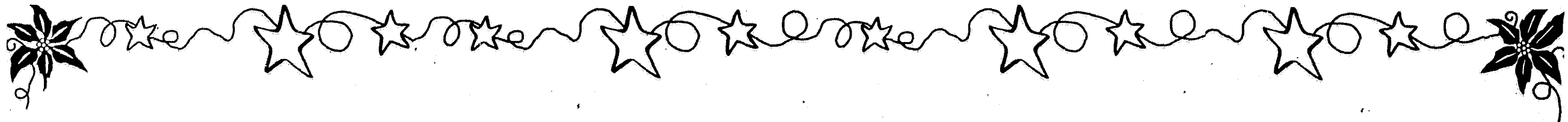
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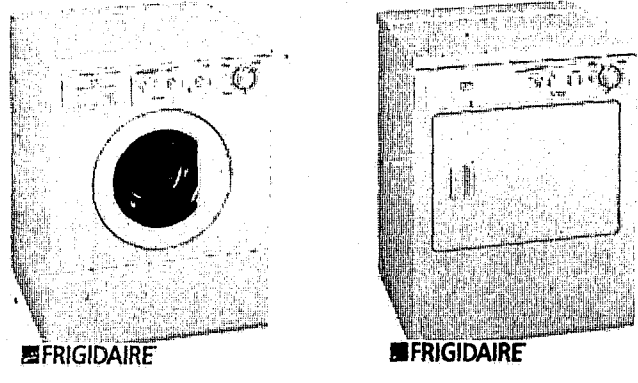
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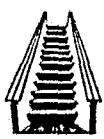
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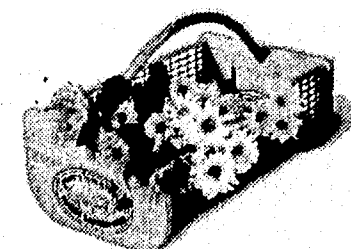
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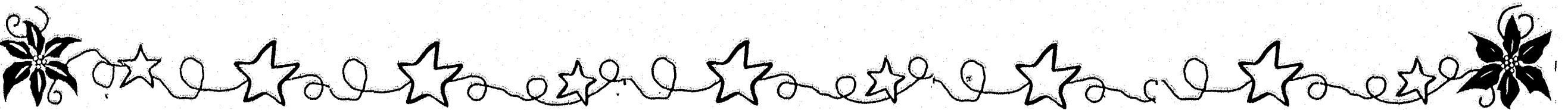
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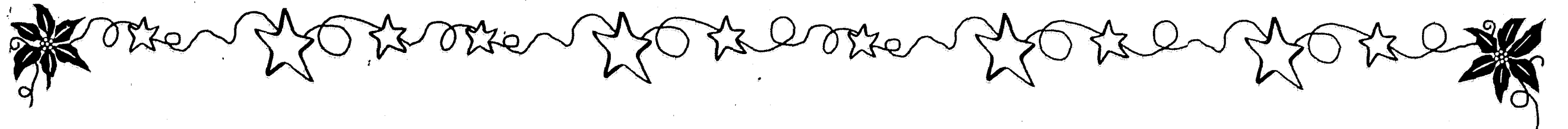
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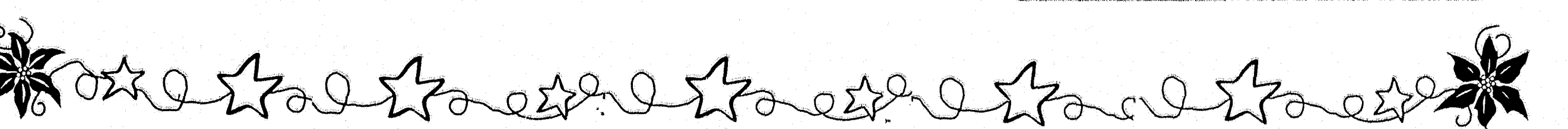
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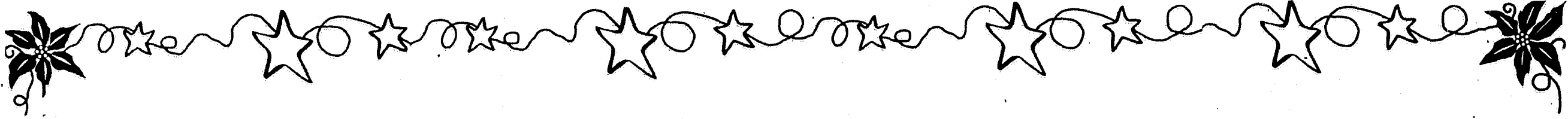
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by Virginia Keniston  
Aaron Stevens, son of Bruce and Lottie Stevens of Bar Harbor and grandson of

Muriel Butters of Bethel, will be traveling to Georgia to compete in the USA National Junior Olympics Championship. More than 3,000 athletes are expected to brave the elements Dec. 14 at the Carrollton Course in Carrollton, Ga., approximately 50 miles west of Atlanta. The national competition features both male and female races in five divisions ranging in age from 10 to 18. USATF's Junior Olympic cross-country program is made up of preliminary meets in 57 local associations, which lead to 16 regional championships. Thousands participate, and the group narrows to the "best of the best" at the National Championships each December. Aaron and five teammates from throughout Maine qualified from the Northeast Regionals held Nov. 23 in Smithfield, R.I. This fall, Aaron earned his third varsity letter in cross-country, helping his Mount Desert Island High School team to win the Eastern Maine High School championship.

Howard Donahue visited his sister and husband, Ruth and Bill Kichon in Woburn, Mass., for a few days and enjoyed Thanksgiving with his niece and family in Lawrence, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Curtis and grandson, Kyle, visited his mother, Edna Curtis, at Ledgeview Nursing Home last week.

United Methodist Women met Thursday at the home of Virginia Walker at Sudbury Village.

Jerry and Shireen Vincent of Chestnut Hill Road left this week to spend the winter in Texas.

Kay McMillin spent Thanksgiving Day with her sister, Edna Curtis, at Ledgeview Nursing Home.

Margaret "Amy" Davis joined her family at her daughter's, Betsy and Mark Retallack's, in Beverly, Mass., for Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Roddy Royer, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Royer and George joined a three-generation family



gathering with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Inman in West Paris for Thanksgiving.

Jen Shaw has left for employment at a ski resort in Okemo, Vt., for the winter.

After spending a few years in Springfield, Vt., Deena, Gerard and Chloe Guillet have moved to the small village of East Poultney, Vt. Together they run the post office and country store right on the village green. You can reach them at Chloconthegreen@adelphia.net. They miss their Bethel friends.

Jackie Schuesler is recovering from back trouble she has had for five weeks.

Kathleen Hanscom is recovering from a heart attack and heart sur-

gery.

Grace Douglass celebrated her birthday on Thanksgiving Day with family, Beth and River Ann from Lovell, Brent and family, Brian and family, and Bruce.

Charlie and Debra Adams entertained 15 family members on Sunday to celebrate Tim Adams' birthday.

Bud Paine required surgery after closing his thumb in the trunk of his car.

Many, many friends and relatives joined Bud and Joan Howe to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house held at Tom Howe's home on Intervale Road. It was planned as a surprise by their sons and wives, Tom and Suzanne and Bob and Linda.

On Dec. 6, Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, with five full tables, played a club championship. The overall winners were: first, Beverly Pelletier and Richard Bajan; sec-

ond, Grace and Luke Merry; third, Howard and Virginia Cole; fourth, Bob and Sue Crane.

## East Bethel



by Nancy Mercer  
Alder River Grange will hold a regular meeting on Dec. 13 at Stan

Howe's home on Broad Street. There will be a 6 p.m. soup and chowder and 7 p.m. meeting. This being our Christmas meeting, please bring canned goods or something for the food pantry. If you wish to exchange cards, bring them.

Clayton, Dot and Clark Bartlett had a good Thanksgiving feast with Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Bourne and family in Ogunquit.

**TRY TO RESIST THESE TREATS**  
Members of the Telstar Class of 2003 sold chocolate desserts Saturday at the Victoria Inn in Bethel as a fundraiser to support graduation activities. The treats were donated by area restaurants, parents and students. Pictured are (from left): Heather Zimmermann, Sadie Cole, Erin Tripp, Lauren Hart and John Reuter.  
(Photo by Michael Daniels)

Linsey lost her first tooth last week. I don't know if the Tooth Fairy came or not.

Florence Hastings is doing well. If you plan to visit her, call first, as the flu is in full swing at Market Square.

We can use a little snow now for ground cover and banking. Have a good week. God Bless America.

## Hanover



by Clem Worcester  
Walter Sylvestre was recently hospitalized and is now recuperating at home. He says that he is feeling better but he has a few more doctor appointments to go.

The Androscoggin River froze over before the end of November this year. Usually it freezes around the first weekend in December, and for several years it has been much later than that. Howard Pond also froze over during the first week of December. Remember, be alert. The ice is not safe to go on. It takes much more cold weather than we have had to make ice safe. Some area residents reported below-zero temperatures already this fall.

Muzzleloader permits were a popular item after the end of November. A few hunters ended hunting season empty handed, but we have heard that some hunters were very lucky, or skillful, whichever the case may be.

Questionnaires to learn the residents' opinions about the Hanover Community Neighborhood Watch Program are available at Gordie Howe's Store and at the Town Office. The program is nearly a year old and organizers felt it would be a good idea to seek some opinions from the service area.

## North Newry



by Gil Seeley  
Sylvia Wight is back home after spending some time at the Ledgeview Living Center in West Paris.

Ras and Karlene Bachelard had a Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 24 at their daughter's home, Claire and

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## The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Sharon Bouchard's column is published by special arrangement with the Advertising Department of this newspaper.

I suppose it's time that I got to my annual Christmas card mailing. I got it together a little earlier than this last year. Actually, I got it together as far as selecting, signing, addressing, stuffing and sealing the envelopes. The fact is, I never got around to mailing them and they are still in a box on the bottom shelf of my china cabinet. Shame on me.

This year's task should be as simple as taking those Christmas cards to the post office, putting postage on them and sending them out. It should be that simple, but of course, it isn't.

Last year some strange need came over me to communicate a little more than the preprinted greeting so I wrote a little note on each and every card as well. Even though there isn't much that changes in my life other than my age and dress size, in most of the notes I mentioned specific things that were only relevant to 2001.

Now the cards are useless and the only reason I didn't throw them away is because I figured I would at least have all the addresses that I needed in one spot. In past years I have spent a considerable amount of time going through old address books, envelopes stuffed in drawers and scraps of paper hidden in various pocket books.

This year I have been pondering if it is too impersonal and tacky to send e-greetings to those on my list with e-mail addresses. Some of the electronic Christmas cards are really very nice and some are quite cute. Some even have sound and animation. And the best part is that they can be found on the Internet for free and you don't have to pay 37 cents postage per card either.

But, there is something about the e-greetings that strikes me as impersonal and cheap. I guess it's a lot less impersonal than stuffing the real cards in one's china cabinet and not sending them out at all.

I'm sure that I'm not the only one considering the electronic

alternative to the traditional hard copy Christmas card. As the postal rates have increased over the years many people, myself included, have reduced their annual card list down to family and close friends. Now it's even difficult to find a decent boxed assortment of cards that is affordable.

Remember in the not too distant past in the days of Woolworths and Newberrys a box of 100 assorted cards could be found for \$3.99? Now, most of the boxed cards are all the same and expensive too. To select individual cards from the rack would require a considerable



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bankroll. You can spend a lot of money for a Hallmark moment. I don't think sharing holiday greetings was meant to be a stressful experience. Whose bright idea was it to send Christmas cards anyway?

Actually, the bright idea is not credited to any one individual. At one time, people exchanged handwritten holiday greetings and somewhere along the line in the early 1800's the homemade cards started being mailed. The practice caught on to such an extent that in 1822 the Superintendent of Mails in Washington D.C. after having to hire extra holiday help to handle the large flow of cards, complained "I don't know what we'll do if this keeps on." I bet they wish they had that problem now-a-days.

The first commercial Christmas cards were the brainchild of Sir Henry Cole, a wealthy British businessman who wanted a card he could proudly send to friends and professional acquaintances to wish them a Merry Christmas.

So, Sir Henry, in 1843, commissioned a London artist by the name

of John Calcott Horsley to design just such a card. The inscription on Sir Henry's card simply said "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you." "Merry" was then a spiritual word meaning "blessed", as in "merry" old England. I could not find out when the "m" became capitalized or when the meaning became more jolly in thought. I did find out however, that Sir Henry had 1,000 cards printed that year, of which 12 still exist in private collections, unless they have been sold on eBay, which wouldn't surprise me a bit.

After that, printed Christmas cards became all the rage in England and shortly thereafter, in Germany. Americans were a little slower to adopt the idea, but in 1875, a Boston lithographer, Louis Prang, began publishing cards and earned the title "father of the American Christmas card."

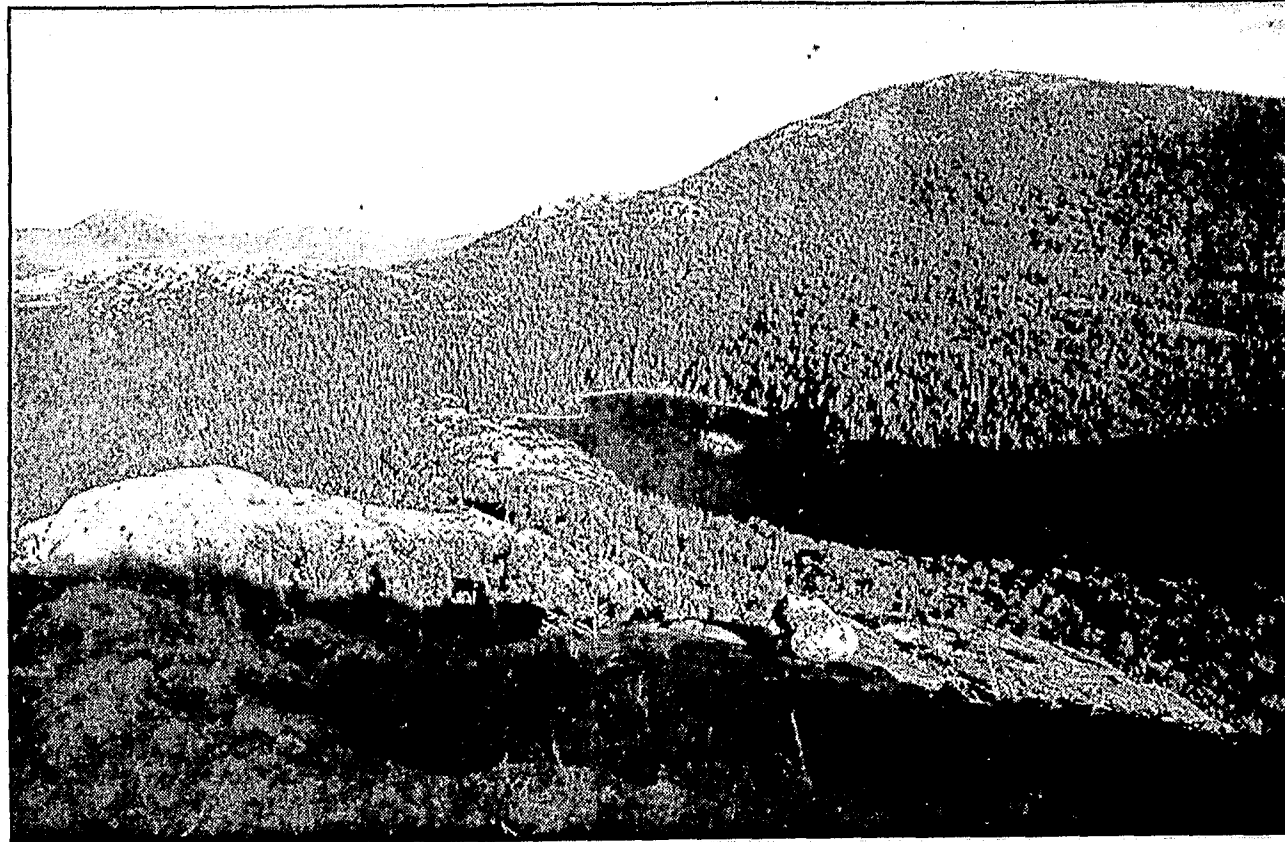
Mr. Prang's high-quality cards were costly, and they initially featured not such images as the Madonna and Child, a decorated tree or even Santa Clause, but colored floral arrangements of roses, daisies, gardenias, geraniums and apple blossoms. Americans took to the Christmas card, but not to Prang's; he was forced out of business in December of 1890. Merry Christmas Mr. Prang. It was cheap penny Christmas postcards imported from Germany that remained the vogue until World War I. By the war's end, American's modern greeting card industry was born.

Until the appearance of e-mail and the repeated increases in postage, over two billion Christmas cards were sent in the United States each year. That figure came from a 1989 reference, so I don't know exactly what the figures are today. I'm sure that, in spite of the decline in people mailing Christmas cards, the figure is still very, very high. At least, that's the way I see it and that helps remove the guilt of having two-dozen unsent Christmas cards in my china cabinet.

## Super Crossword

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| <b>ACROSS</b> | 1 Teatime treat | 6 Thin coin | 10 New rank | 13 Sober | 19 Hook on a hawk | 20 Klutz's cry | 21 Joan's Godard | 22 Fit for farming | 23 Slant of a definition | 24 Perfectionist | 26 Channel | 27 Plead | 28 Skaleton part | 29 Elizabethan instruments | 31 Yen | 32 Reimquish | 33 Occur earlier | 35 To (perfectly) | 36 El — TX | 39 Puppeteer Lewis | 40 TV's "Street" | 42 Part 2 of definition | 48 WWII abbr. | 51 Palm oil? | 52 Aristocratic address | 53 Duel tool | 54 Metric measure | 55 Relished a feast | 56 Dismay | 57 Chest material | 59 Sun screen | 60 Ulrich of Metallica | 62 Caustic stuff | 63 Ryan of "Boston Public" | 64 Broke to smithereens | 66 Thornfield governess | 68 Part 3 of definition | 69 Black | 70 Sullivan's partner | 73 — even keel | 74 Heal | 75 Impresses immensely | 79 Confess | 80 Helicopter part | 82 Party present | 84 Picnic pest | 85 Authentic | 86 Anapest, for one | 87 Spanish title | 88 Broadway | 89 Prohibit | 90 Part 4 of definition | 94 Borscht ingredient | 95 Diva | 96 Petty or Chandler | 97 Stallion's sweetie | 99 Middleastern kingdom | 102 "The Ramayana," e.g. | 105 — song | 106 Casual cloth | 107 School founded in 1440 | 108 Absorb, with "up" | 111 "The Barber of Seville" heroine | 114 End of the definition | 118 Carved a canyon | 119 Sue — | 120 — Linda, CA | 121 Avid | 122 Became rigid | 123 Guiltarist | 124 " — River" ("B1 hit) | 125 Be grateful! | <b>DOWN</b> | 1 Use a dirk | 2 Drac's wrap | 3 Couturier | 37 "West Side Story" role | 4 Negative correlative | 5 Follow | 6 Metaphysical poet | 7 Nebraska neighbor | 8 Speedometer abbr. | 9 " — Gato" ("62 hit) | 10 Pianist Arrau | 11 — del Este | 12 Mid-size band | 13 Contains "up" | 14 One in a million | 15 Diminish | 17 Pizza serving | 18 Son of Adam | 21 Time-honored | 25 Office worker | 30 "Geography Gif" | 32 Pigeon | 33 Med. professional visit? | 34 Unwelcome | 35 Donkey part | 37 "West Side Story" role | 38 "The New Yorker" humorist | 39 Where to find a plover | 41 Positive vote | 43 Singer Sumac | 44 Steering device | 45 Potter's need | 46 Ancient Sanskrit | 47 Mineral spring | 48 Indecisive | 49 Burn remedy | 50 Firewood measure | 54 One of the Aleutians | 57 Chavaz or Romero | 58 " — go brag!" | 59 Rocker Momson | 61 Astrologer Leek | 63 Mrs. Jupiter | 65 Skater lto | 67 Postal abbr. | 109 Poem | 68 Club creed | 110 Company car, e.g. | 70 Apparel | 71 Concept | 72 Pulled a sulky | 74 Hiawatha's transport | 75 Decline | 77 Join up | 78 Abolitionist author | 81 Author's partner | 82 Use | 83 Across | 84 Pigeon | 85 Archer | 86 "Pshaw!" | 87 Vaudeville bit | 89 Elin | 91 Revolt | 92 Freddie the Freeloader, e.g. | 93 Father Brown monogram | 94 Pigtail | 97 Boxer | 98 Fanny fanny | 100 Copper or cobalt | 101 — fell | 102 Palpat Allen | 103 Lulu dish | 104 Map feature | 105 Wotry | 107 Astral | 108 Adventure story | 109 Poem | 110 Company car, e.g. | 112 Bom | 113 Slap on | 115 Shady character? | 116 Leeds | 117 Un-uh |
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George Romano's in Wiscasset. Also, there were granddaughter, Michelle, and husband, Paul Josephson, and their two children, Nicky and Kylie. The other members of the family, Tom and wife, Shannon O'Donnell, were busy with their newborn 8-pound baby girl of three days and couldn't come. Of course, I was also there to enjoy the feast and fun.

Santa's coming to the Newry Grange on Dec. 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. All children are welcome. There will be cookie decorating, arts and crafts and food, and a special visit from Santa.

### Gilead



by  
Elise Caswell  
I'm back.  
I've spent the  
past two days  
testing out the  
snow at Sunday  
River on a

brand new pair of skis, and I confess — a good pair of shaped skis is as deeply pleasurable to ski on as a custom-made ballpoint pen is to write with. It's the feel of the process that hooks my attention. Otherwise, I would be sitting in the margins doodling away my fear.

I once had a second-grade teacher, who in these times would have been put away for child abuse. Miss Pelletier was a black-haired lady with long red fingernails and matching lipstick. She'd point her red-tipped index finger at a noisy boy and hiss her icy command across the room — "Dead Duck." Everyone froze. She left her most lasting mark on me during an art lesson. We were making Easter pictures of bunnies pushing a wheelbarrow of eggs. I felt mine needed a big, bright yellow sun shining light on the whole scene. My instinct was to create, yellow crayon to white paper, voila — light. Next thing I knew that bony

finger was pointing at me. I was dressed from head to toe in shame as she stood me up in front of the class to mock me for "not following directions". I was punished for my joy and creativity by being told to "march" around the room with my picture held up in front of me. Round and round the room I walked — one eternal moment in time — one day in the life of an eight-year-old child. She changed me forever. I developed a fear of the white page and I experience her icy, pointed finger every time I sit down to a field of white. You might say she broke my flow.

One late December day as a teenager newly in love with a skier and with skiing, I was feeling especially confident and taking extra runs by myself during lunch when trails were less populated. At 17, I had my whole independent life ahead unfolding like a mountain trail. I took a turn too wide and caught an edge on a piece of tree. Broke my ankle. And yes, I felt shame for letting my confidence get ahead of me. That single moment in time created a lifelong fear of falling, fear of being too cocky — maybe even a fear of feeling great about myself. I also had an informed appreciation of the lengthy healing process necessary for bones. Again, the message vibrates into my present as a fear of my first run. The few days before my first time out as a regular tear-jerking soap opera. Same old script — getting old.

This has been a big year for me. Yep, I'll say it out loud: it has been my big five-oh. I was given a beautiful handmade wood pen, made by someone right here in Bethel, and my husband gave me new skis, my first pair since that fateful December I was 17. I've spent too much of my time doodling in the margins and now that I've been out on the rolling white space of Dreammaker and letting it rip on Escapade on my new skis, I find my pen being lured to the open page and the desire to share again the joys and

challenges of creating a new home up here in Maine. Feeling like a bright yellow crayon at play on the wide white slopes, writing my love into the snow with a fine pair of skis has informed me of something else — the joy I find in picking up a writing tool and sharing my thoughts. I don't know what ever happened to Miss Pelletier but now that I'm fifty, I don't need to worry about her red-tipped finger pointing at me. And to remind myself just how she pissed me off, I painted a huge, bright yellow sun on my bathroom wall frehand. So there. Isn't it heartening to know that we grow strong in the broken places and that good equipment really makes a difference? And that someone has turned snowmaking, the creation of that wide white trail, into an art? It's ready to receive whatever you want to project into your moment face to face with emptiness.

### Upton



by  
Eleanor LeComte

Penny Bernier has been quite ill this week and we do hope she is feeling better. All our thoughts are with you, Penny.

The pre-Christmas rush is on with everyone pursuing their favorite pastime, be it shopping, fairs, parties or gift-wrapping.

The Ladies Aid looks very pretty with the lighted wreath provided by Simone Lavallee and her elves. The school building also has a lighted wreath. Sue Nelson always places beautiful greens on the church doors. It all looks very Christmassy with the snow as a backdrop. We really don't have very much snow as yet.

Evelyn Kenney and three of her longtime friends attended the Paris Hill House Walk. There were

### POPULAR HIKING AREA GETS NEW PROTECTION

With Gov.-elect John Baldacci looking on, Gov. Angus King announced a two-part land deal Monday that preserves 11,600 acres on and near western Maine's Tumbledown Mountain, a popular attraction for hikers and other outdoors enthusiasts.

The land includes the peak of Tumbledown Mountain and a pristine, alpine pond (left) at the top of the 3,068-foot mountain, and hiking trails leading to those and other sites in Township 6 north of Weld.

"You can see what a gorgeous, extraordinary place it is," said King as he pointed to a panoramic photo of the site. "This is a beautiful gem of a project."

The deal, which guards the land from development while keeping it open for public use, is part of a larger project backed by state and private conservation groups to preserve 30,000 acres in the region. Baldacci, who will succeed King on Jan. 8, praised King for his part in preserving more than one million acres of wild Maine land during the independent's eight years in office. Including agreements still in the works, about 1.6 million acres will have been put off-limits to developers, King said.

Baldacci, a Democrat, said he will "not have to reinvent the wheel" in working out land agreements after he occupies the governor's office. "I'll just have to steer it," said Baldacci.

King said the latest transaction carries on a tradition in Maine that gained momentum generations ago with Gov. Percival Baxter's acquisition of Mount Katahdin and its environs. Baxter, governor from 1921-25, gave the land to the people of the state.

The deal announced by King involves two parts. The state Conservation Department bought nearly 3,800 acres, including the summit of Tumbledown, from Hancock Land Co.

In the second part, the department bought an easement that permanently bars development, guarantees public access and ensures sustainable forest cutting on 7,800 acres that will continue to be owned and managed by Hancock Land Co.

A national nonprofit conservation group called the Trust for Public Land negotiated with the landowner and helped raise private funding for the project. Matt Hancock, president of Hancock Land, said the end result "is a fabulous legacy for the people of Maine."

The \$3.4 million cost was covered with federal, state and private money.

(Photo courtesy of Jerry and Marcy Monkman/www.ecophotography.com)

eleven homes decorated for the season. Wonderful aromas from candles and greens permeated the air. Hospitable and warm greetings met us at each door. Everyone was treated as family as each house was toured.

Saturday was another "Fair" day. Several ladies from Upton invaded Bethel for the pre-Christmas festivities. The first stop was the "Greens Sale" at the West Bethel Union Church. Thank you to Jane for the beautiful wreath with her own greens mixed with balsam fir. Main Street shopping was next on the agenda, followed by our annual visit to the "Taste of Bethel" at the high school. Each station visited served mouthwatering delights. The wreaths offered for bid were very beautiful and well thought out. I placed a bid on two of them and being of Scottish descent, my bids were probably the joke of the day with the judges. Following this event, we charged on to the Bethel Congregational Church for more shopping and eating. Their annual fair was wonderful as usual with the ladies at the tea all dressed in Christmas colors. The "downstairs event" with greens, baked goods, crafts and a white elephant sale provided something for everyone. Our last stop was the Philbrook Mall to visit with Pok Sun Lane to get information on the opening of the new restaurant. Her cooking skills are legendary, so when it opens on the weekend of the 14th, it would be a great place to gain a few seasonal unwanted pounds.

Bird watchers all over the North Country are complaining about the scarcity of birds. Have no fear, they have been dining on wild food in the forests and fields as appropriate. The lack of birds at the feeder ended the other day with a golden flock of Evening Grosbeaks, chattering, chirping, fighting and spilling seeds every which way. These colorful, greedy birds formerly bred no further east than Minnesota. Following the feeder trail, they invaded New England about 50 years ago. They now breed from British Columbia to Nova Scotia and south to New England. The Evening Grosbeak is a finch about seven and one-half inches to eight inches in size. It has a pronounced greenish-yellow conical bill. The male, of course, has the bright yellow

low with bold dark wing patches. The female is gray, white and black. Although her plumage is pretty, the male is so much more striking. They nest in coniferous forests and in deciduous urban woodlands. These birds arrive in throngs and their sharp chirping and chattering cuts through the winter air. Although we admire their beauty, we wish they could curb their appetite. Nevertheless the Evening Grosbeak, our "Bird of the Week," can light up the dreariest winter day.

### Andover



by  
Joan Stinson Carney

This is a warning — The Andover Town Office will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 26. So if you have any business, such as car registrations, whatever, make sure that you get it done on or before Dec. 24. Thank you.

The family of Delmar Parker wish to invite you to an open house on Dec 14 at his home at 98 Airport Road. Party starting time is 2 p.m. They are celebrating his 62nd birthday and his retirement, after 44 years, from Andover Wood Products. His retirement won't go into effect until Dec. 31, but why not celebrate early. Happy Birthday, and Best Wishes, Delmar.

It seems that we have some television celebs here in Andover. Bill and Paula Smith recently appeared on PBS Channel 10 on a program about winter weather. They work for the National Weather Service in Gray and report local weather for Channel 13 in Portland. They took viewers on a tour of their sap house and all the weather instruments around their yard. The program was shown on Thanksgiving night.

Speaking of PBS, last Saturday evening I watched a special entitled "This Land is Your Land." It was a really good program about the start of folk music and had a lot of groups including The Kingston Trio, The Brothers Four, The Smothers Brothers, and lots more. I had only one problem with it. These groups were popular when I

was young and they were young, and boy have they gotten old — wonder what that makes me. I think they are planning to show it again; if they do, don't miss it, it's great.

Marjorie Stinson will arrive back home Dec. 15 after an extended vacation in Michigan. We tried to talk her into staying until spring, but no dice. It seems that she misses us, especially Rocky, Lorena, Mary, the folks at church, and our wonderful winter weather.

Richie Jodrey was subjected to a surprise 50th Birthday Party last Saturday night. After they revived him from his dead faint, he and everyone else who attended had a wonderful time.

The "Book of the Week" is titled "The Christmas Train," the author is David Baldacci. It's a wonderful little book that is very appropriate for this time of the year and is available at the Andover Public Library.

The Town wishes to thank Vickie and Marshall Meisner for decorating the Town Common again this year. It looks wonderful. I was told that Vickie was the "engineer" and Marshall was the "grunt." Anyway, it makes our town look even more beautiful and we appreciate the donated effort.

See 'ya.

### Bryant Pond



by  
Alice Hoyt

Sympathy is extended to the family of Gerald (Red) Gammon. Sympathy is also extended to the family of Robert Howe.

Philip House has a new Christmas CD and tape for sale. You may purchase one from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Belmont House.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School fellowship time at 8:55 a.m. with a snack, Sunday School and Adult Bible fellowship are at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m. and evening service at 6 p.m. Dec. 22, the Christmas musical, "Herald the News," will be conducted in the evening.

Franklin Grange 124 will meet Saturday, Dec. 14, with a potluck dinner.

Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. We did. We joined a group of 31 at my sister Leatrice and John Chase's, along with my mother, Beatrice Farnum.

Maggie and Joseph Hoyt visited their dad, James Hoyt, over the

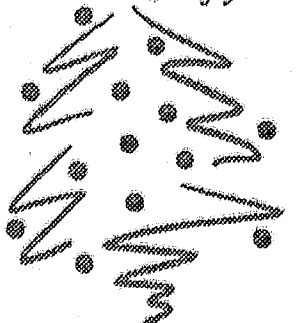
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weekend. On Sunday, Maggie celebrated her birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Chase and boys have moved into their new home. Tressa's daughter, Tiffany, her husband and triplet boys have been visiting them from Georgia. Brian Hathaway was a recent guest of his grandmother, Barbara Hathaway.

Barbara Hathaway was hostess for Thanksgiving dinner with 14 in attendance.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens met on Thursday for a meeting, dinner and Christmas party. Around 30 attended. A delicious dinner was served by the Legion Auxiliary. Food items for the food pantry and items for Kids for Christmas were brought.

Curator Larry Billings plans to give the manuscript of the book he recently wrote on civilization to the Historical Society Museum as a Christmas gift. He also sent out Christmas cards to society members. The Historical Society has tools and farm items in its collection. It also has mill pictures and of course the clothespin sign. Curator Billings read a book by Martha Stewart, "Entertaining." He is going to give the book to the society. The society features fine country furniture. That donated by George Allen England was actually made by Indians. In addition, the curator donated Sheraton Hancock chairs, pressed-back chairs and several other country pieces. The collection of furniture is, as a result, quite impressive. The society does not have a large museum store, but some things would make good gifts. The Billings family can help you out. The society meets on Saturday, Dec. 14, for a meeting, potluck supper and Christmas party at the museum.

### South Woodstock



by Andrea Wing  
Sorry there wasn't any news last week. Time got away from me. Tommy Poland joined daughter Tracy and family at her home for Thanksgiving Day. Later in the afternoon, 25 dropped by for desserts at Tommy's home. Claribel Poland spent the holiday at her son and daughter-in-law's home, Leon and Rosalie Poland. They were joined by Alex and Gretchen Poland, Lloyd and Gina Poland, Jason Cannuli and two children. Claribel received calls from family that weren't able to be here to celebrate. Sandra Poland and Kim Ellsworth took Stephen Ellsworth, Randi and Jaymi Mack to the mov-

ies this past week.

The Mack girls each got a deer in November. Jaymi got a 135-pound doe. This was her first deer. Randi shot a button buck and Megan got a small doe.

Kellie and Brad Record had Thanksgiving at their home with Ed and Leatrice Record, Sarah and Phil Lynch and son Zack, Jessie Hart and Kyle Komulainen, Jennie Record and Linsey Record.

Jessie Hart, Sarah and Phil Lynch and Zack had a late day Thanksgiving at their grandparents' home, Earl and Pat Hart.

Richard and I had 11 guests for turkey day. Rick Wing's boys, Ryan and Doug, came. Sarah Lynch and Zack also joined us for dinner. I had only seen the boys once since last Christmas. Everyone is busy. Always glad to see them all.

Terry and Phil Merrill hosted the holiday dinner at their home. Others attending were Joan and Phelps Poland, Todd, Lynda and Erik Poland and Andrew Merrill. Lissa Merrill could not attend, as she was in Arizona with her family for Thanksgiving. She went to see Diana and John Dunn and boys while she was there. Diana is stationed in the service there.

Tim Poland got a nice six-point buck during hunting season. Good job.

Jessie Hart has traded cars. She had a sports car but decided she needed a four-wheel drive for the winter weather.

My sister, Evelyn Dunn of Campton, N.H., called Friday to say that she and her husband, Jim, had been in a car accident on the way home from Maine. They are okay but the car didn't do so well.

I was sorry to hear of the death of Robert Howe. Much sympathy goes out to his wife, Patty, his family and friends.

This time of year I always think of my brother, Leon Poland Jr., who died in Vietnam. He would have celebrated his birthday Dec. 1.

Happy birthday to those celebrating in December. They are: Charlie Lowe, Donna Danforth, Jeff Kennison, Alex Poland, Eda Waterhouse, Roni Grover Jr., Hannah Ryerson, Jaymi Mack, Ken Poland, Tara Monzo, Erica Monzo, Ashley Milon, Jim Mason Jr., Paul Benson, Pam Benson, Cleo Ryerson, James Dunn, Phil Merrill, Arden Andrews and Lillian Herrick. A special birthday wish to my grandson, Ryan Wing.

Larry Billings, curator of the Woodstock Historical Society, reports that Gary Fuller will present a special program on the Civil War to the society in January at the Town Hall conference room. It is all part of a membership drive.

Quote of the Week: "I've learned that gossip goes in one ear and out many mouths."



**LOST AND FOUND PHOTO**  
This photo was found in a mailbox on High Street, West Paris, several weeks ago. (See column below.) If it's yours, or you know the owner, please call 674-3872.

### West Paris



by Bertha DeHaas  
Hello there. I hope you all had a wonderful and bountiful Thanksgiving. I was fortunate enough to have my youngest son, David, and his whole family up for the day. It was terrific to have them home.

Have a real conundrum for you. This photo of a little boy was put into my best friend's mailbox up on High Street several weeks ago. After checking with all the neighbors to no avail, Peggy asked if I would run the photo to see if someone could identify it. Do you know who it is? If you do, please call 674-3872 so that the photo may be returned to its rightful owner.

The Youth Group of the West Paris Baptist Church will meet for bowling, luncheon, games and carol singing on Saturday, Dec. 14.

If you are junior high school or high school age, you are eligible. Saturday, Dec. 21, the Christmas Cantata, "Come Let us Worship the King," will be held at 11 a.m. at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Perkins Valley, Woodstock. On Sunday, Dec. 22, the same combined choir will present this Cantata at the West Paris Baptist Church at 2 p.m. Come out and enjoy.

### West Paris



by Miriam Inman  
Joyce and Ken Lamb entertained at Thanksgiving dinner Peggy Lamb, Mike Seaton, Allen and Myrna Lamb. Sidney and Cynthia Scott had Thanksgiving with Sid's sister, Linda Brown in Augusta. The Agnes Gray School parade was held last Saturday, which was

a very cold night. The children also enjoyed wagon rides with Harry Hutchinson's horses. The tree in Veterans Park had the lights turned on during a short ceremony. Carols were sung. There were in the vicinity of 75 or more chilly people in attendance. Harlan Abbott, representing the selectmen, was present to show his interest in the school and school children and their contribution to the town spirit.

We were in North Conway recently and someone there told us that David North reads my article. Hi David. Hope you had a nice Thanksgiving.

Lois Ellingwood is a patient at Market Square Health Care in South Paris.

Seven members of Goodwill Fellowship Group of the UU Church met at Beryl Bonney's on Tuesday, to fill and deliver Christmas baskets for shut-ins.

### Greenwood City



by Rena Curtis  
Here it is another week. It sure is cold and windy. My cold water pipe in the kitchen froze Wednesday morning, but got it thawed out easily.

Fred Curtis and Kevin Russell both got their deer last week, both bucks.

Brad and Ann Payne went down to Minot to their daughter Beth's to help their son-in-law, Jim Paradis, celebrate his 40th birthday recently.

Ann went to church Sunday, then went down to see her Aunt Colista Morgan.

Milton and Eleanor Inman had Thanksgiving dinner with their son Gary and his wife Lesley and their children Caili and Ani. They went up to Sunday River Summit Hotel to an art exhibit that Caili was involved with at her art school.

Eleanor helped at the church dinner at the church in Norway.

There is a black dog running around the neighborhood. I don't know whose it is. It looks like a black lab.

Marie Curtis and I went to Auburn one day this week shopping.

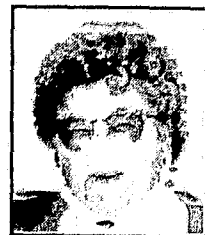
I finally got my hot water tank working again. It needed a regulator.

Saturday, my great-nephew and wife, Artie and Jayne Cogswell of Topsham, visited us. We hadn't seen them for a long time, so had a good time getting caught up on their family. They brought up their daughter's wedding pictures. We were pleased to see them.

Albert Curtis Jr. and Albert Curtis III of town and Jason Curtis of Oxford visited me one day.

That's all there is for this week. Hope everyone stays warm and well. Have a good week.

### East Stoneham



by Eleanor Nelson  
Hi readers. Sorry I didn't write to you last week. No excuse. This is another week,

so here goes. Hubert and Esther Barker from Salem, N.H., were guests of Mertice and Carleton Barker recently.

Phyllis Adams recently underwent surgery and is now out of the hospital and is slowly recovering.

Chuck MacDonald and Kerrie Goodfrey from Fort Mill, S.C., spent Thanksgiving week with Marilyn and Dick Jones.

Danny and Geneva Barker had 16 family members and friends for their Thanksgiving dinner.

Frances Grant took Shirley Grant and JoAnn Hartford out for Thanksgiving dinner.

Molly and Matthew Nelson were home from their studies in the Boston area and Albert and I and Troy Nelson joined them and had Thanksgiving dinner with Dale and Kitty Nelson. We all do have a lot to be thankful for, don't we — our health, family and warm homes.

Well, folks, another member of Stoneham has arrived. Congratulations are going out to Becky and Jesse Adams on the birth of their son. He was born at the Conway Hospital on Nov. 27, weighing a little over seven pounds and his name is Chandler Wesley Adams. Welcome to the world, Chandler. On Wednesday, Dec. 4, 21 mem-

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### From the Telstar Alumni Association

The Telstar Alumni Association held its annual Halloween Costume Dance at the Locke Mills Legion Hall on Saturday, Oct. 26, with very good attendance. The attendees danced to the music of The Impalas, a golden oldies rock and roll band.

Many people arrived in costume and participated in the costume parade and contest held during the evening. The competition was tough, but judges Doreen and Harold Wilbur and Al and Patsy Cote sorted through the assortment of costumes that get better every year, and this year's were exceptional, making decisions difficult.

Prize winners were as follows: Randy and Carol Hart (Best Couple), Sheri and David Wilson (Best Couple), Linda Buck (Funniest), Mike Hart (Judge's Choice), Albert White (Judge's Choice), Nikki Davis (Most Original) and Larry Bean (Best Halloween Theme).

Many thanks to all the businesses who generously donated prizes including Liam's Restaurant, Ruthie's, Books 'N' Things, Finish Line Pizza, Telstar Video, Casablanca Cinema, Maine Line Products, Moose's Tail Restaurant, Sudbury Inn, BIG Adventure Center, and Crossroads Diner.

Thanks to Maine Line Products for selling tickets, to Ruel and Maureen Swain for pumpkins and cornstalks for decorations, and to Leah Deegan for her help at the dance. Thanks to Telstar Alumni Association members and friends

for all their help in putting on another successful dance. We couldn't do it without you.

### From the Jackson-Silver Auxiliary

On Dec. 5, after a 6 p.m. potluck supper, members of the Post and Unit gathered in the auxiliary meeting room where Martha Stowell read the names of those who had purchased bulbs on the three Christmas trees and whom each bulb was honoring or memorializing. The group then went outside, and after prayers by the Department of Maine American Legion chaplain, Don Simoneau, each of the first two trees were lit. After walking to the corner of the grounds where the other tree is located, prayer was offered by the Unit chaplain, Helvi Cary, and that tree was lit. They will remain lit until 4 Chaplains Day in early February. Money from the sale of bulbs will be used for gifts for veterans at the Western Maine Veterans' Home and/or other facilities.

During the meeting that followed the tree lighting, the Second District (Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford counties) president, Roberta

Simoneau of Livermore Falls, was recognized and spoke later about the membership theme this year and her projects.

A donation was voted to the Bethel Rotary Christmas for Children campaign. As the Christmas trees just lit have gotten so much taller, it was decided to have the tops cut to keep them from continued growth. Also, a donation was voted to Butch Fuller for preservation of old Civil War flags. Several of the members are in nursing homes or otherwise more or less housebound and there was discussion what to do for them, especially with the holidays fast approaching.

The Post and Unit will have the annual Christmas Party on Thursday, Dec. 12, at the hall. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a dessert being served. This will be followed by an exchange of gifts and auction, that everyone had so much fun with last year. Men are to bring a gift for a man and ladies for a lady. Members' children are welcome to attend, and the parent or grandparent is asked to bring some little gift for the child.

Junior members will be having a New Year's Eve Party for the resi-

dents of the Western Maine Veterans' Home that afternoon from 2 to 4. They have done this before and the residents really enjoyed having these youngsters there.

There will be no other meetings of Post and Unit this month and only one in January, that scheduled for Jan. 2 with a storm date of Jan. 16. Only one meeting is scheduled for the months of February and March, that on the 6th. However, there will be the Oyster Stew Supper on Feb. 20 and the Legion Birthday Supper on March 20. In April, the schedule will go back to meetings on the first and third Thursday with a potluck supper at 6 p.m. on the first Thursday.

### From the Oxford County Fund

The Maine Community Foundation's Oxford County Fund requests proposals from organizations and groups seeking funding for community projects.

Grant awards typically range from \$500 to \$7,500. Recent grant recipients include the Mahoosuc Arts Council and the River Valley Healthy Communities Coalition. The Oxford County Fund is advised by a group of local residents that review applications twice a year. The next application deadline is Jan. 15.

For more information, contact fund coordinator Tanya Swain at 779-1938, or visit the Maine Community Foundation Web site at [www.mainecef.org](http://www.mainecef.org).

### From the Oxford County Democrats

Oxford County Democratic Chairperson Cathy Newell has been named to the Inaugural Committee for Governor-elect John Baldacci. The Inaugural Committee is planning a series of events beginning with the formal Inaugural Ceremony on Jan. 8, a Gala, Blaine House receptions and other events through Jan. 11.

Senator Bruce Bryant has been named a member of the committee appointed to review disputed ballots in the District 16 Senate recount.

State Committee members from Oxford County, including India Haynes and Roger Green of Waterford, Rep. John Patrick of Rumford, and County Chairperson Cathy Newell will be attending the December State Committee meeting on Sunday, Dec. 15 in Augusta.

Congressman-elect Mike Michaud will be attending the Community Networking Breakfast sponsored by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at the Bethel Inn. Information regarding this event is available from the chamber office, 824-2282.


The Oxford County Democratic Committee will hold a Holiday Celebration and Volunteer Recognition on Thursday, Dec. 12 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Eagles Hall at 13 Oxford Street in Rumford. The event will begin with a potluck supper, and will include a program of recognition followed by social

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### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC FORECLOSURE SALE Pursuant to 14 MRSA Section 6326

By virtue of and in execution of a Judgement of Foreclosure and Sale entered August 20, 2002, entered in the District Court, District Eleven, Division of N. Oxford, Docket No. RUM-RE-02-29, in an action entitled Green Point Credit Corp. (hereinafter referred to as "Mortgagee") versus Tammy Ward and Lawrence Ward (hereinafter referred to as "Mortgagors"), for the foreclosure of a mortgage with respect to certain property located at 349 Songo Pond Rd., Bethel, Maine, said mortgage dated October 1, 1999 and recorded in the Oxford County (S. Paris) Registry of Deeds in Book 2754, Page 191 (hereinafter referred to as the "Mortgage"), to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description of the property in question. The statutory ninety (90) day redemption period having elapsed without redemption, notice is hereby given that said property will be sold at public sale on January 9, 2003 at 4:00pm at the Law Office of Cynthia Dill, 6 D Street, South Portland, Maine 04106. The property, which consists of land together with a manufactured home and improvements thereon, shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder. Any and all persons wishing to bid for the property must, prior to the start of the auction, register with the auctioneer, sign an agreement to be bound by the terms of the sale and pay a deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in the form of a cashier's or certified check made payable to Green Point Credit, the Mortgagee. Unsuccessful bidders shall receive a refund of their deposit immediately. As to the successful bidder, the deposit shall be non-refundable, and it will be credited to the purchase price. The successful bidder will be required to sign a Purchase and Sale Agreement at the conclusion of the auction, a copy of which shall be available in advance from Andrew M. Braceras, Esq., PO Box 17771, Portland, ME 04112, tel. 207-749-7836. The balance of the purchase price shall be due and payable in cash or certified check at closing, which shall occur within thirty (30) days of the date of the public sale. At said closing, the Mortgagee shall present the successful bidder with a Quitclaim Deed Without Covenant thereby releasing the property unto the successful bidder. The sale shall be subject to any and all tax or sewer liens of record, leases, tenancies, and parties in possession, easements, rights, restrictions, and encumbrances affecting the premises to the extent in force and applicable. The property will be sold AS IS WHERE IS. In the event the successful bidder fails to close under the Purchase and Sale Agreement, then, as liquidated damages, the deposit shall be retained by the Mortgagee, and the Mortgagee shall be entitled to purchase successful bidder's rights under the Purchase and Sale Agreement for One Dollar (\$1.00). Mortgagee reserves the right to make a junior bid at the completion of the auction proceedings. Mortgagee makes no representations or warranties with respect to the property or title thereto, and disclaims any obligation to do so. Mortgagee reserves the right to bid without making the required deposit and may pay for the property with a credit against the indebtedness owed to it by the Mortgagors. For further information, respecting the auction and legal and bidding information, contact Andrew M. Braceras, Esq., Milliken & Braceras, PO Box 17771, Portland, ME 04112, tel (207) 749-7836. Additional terms and conditions may be announced at the time of sale.

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**SLIME CHAMPS**  
Teague Merrill, 11, of Bethel, thought he was only going to be a member of the audience last month when he and his parents visited the "Slime Time Live" show at Universal Studios in Orlando, Fla. But when the woman selling show tickets asked him if he wanted to be a contestant on the Nickelodeon show, he didn't hesitate. Teague joined 15 other kids competing in a variety of events — most of which feature the contestants getting "slimed." The show is on the air live between cartoons that play on the Nickelodeon TV channel. The field of competitors narrowed as the afternoon progressed, and in the end, Teague and his partner, Sarah Vassallo of New Jersey, were the champs. The prize: a Razor Punk Bike and Scooter for each of them. Teague is shown here with his partner and the show's hostess after one of the events. Teague is the son of Chris and Diane Merrill.

## SCHOOL LUNCHES: WEEK OF DEC. 16

### SAD44 Elementary/Middle/High Breakfast Program

Breakfast for elementary schools and Telstar Regional High School will be choices every day.

### SAD44 Middle/High Lunch Program

Monday: Turkey sub, steamed broccoli, potato chips, choice of: chicken patty, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, hamburger/bun, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.  
Tuesday: Chicken quesadillas/bun, green beans, cheese slice, potato chips, choice of: teriyaki chicken, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.  
Wednesday: Pizza stix, choice of: hot dog/bun, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, hamburger/bun, salad bar, fruit, milk.  
Thursday: Roast turkey/gravy, mashed potato, yellow wax beans, cranberry sauce, ww bread/butter, vanilla ice cream cup, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.  
Friday: Hot dog/bun, sliced carrots, choice of: ham and cheese roll, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, hamburger/bun, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

### SAD44 Elementary Lunch Program

Monday: Turkey sub, steamed broccoli, potato chips, choice of: beef ravioli, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.  
Tuesday: Chicken quesadillas, cheese slice, choice of: beef ravioli, peanut butter/jelly sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, and milk.  
Wednesday: Pizza stix, kernel corn, choice of: beef ravioli, peanut butter/jelly sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.  
Thursday: Roast turkey, mashed potato, garden peas, ww bread/butter, vanilla ice cream cup, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.  
Friday: Hot dog and bun, sliced carrots, choice of: beef ravioli, peanut butter/jelly sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, and milk.

### Oxford Hills High School Lunch

Monday: Cheeseburger/bun, potato puffs, mixed vegetables, fruit, milk.  
Tuesday: Pizza sticks, whole kernel corn, salad bar, fruit, milk.  
Wednesday: Veggie delight w/cheese, pickles, potato chips, peanut cup, fruit, milk.  
Thursday: Homemade macaroni and cheese, peas, ham sticks, fruit, milk.  
Friday: Chicken nuggets w/BBQ sauce, mashed potato, salad bar, fruit, milk.

### Oxford Hills Middle School Lunch

Monday: Chicken patty/bun or Rib-A-Que/bun, corn chips, milk.  
Tuesday: BLT/bun or vegetarian sub, potato chips, milk.  
Wednesday: French toast sticks w/syrup or ham and cheese sandwich/bun, ham-patty, potato puffs, juice, milk.  
Thursday: Cheeseburger/bun or hot dog/bun, potato puffs, milk.  
Friday: Mexican tacos w/veggies, potato wedges, animal cookies, milk.

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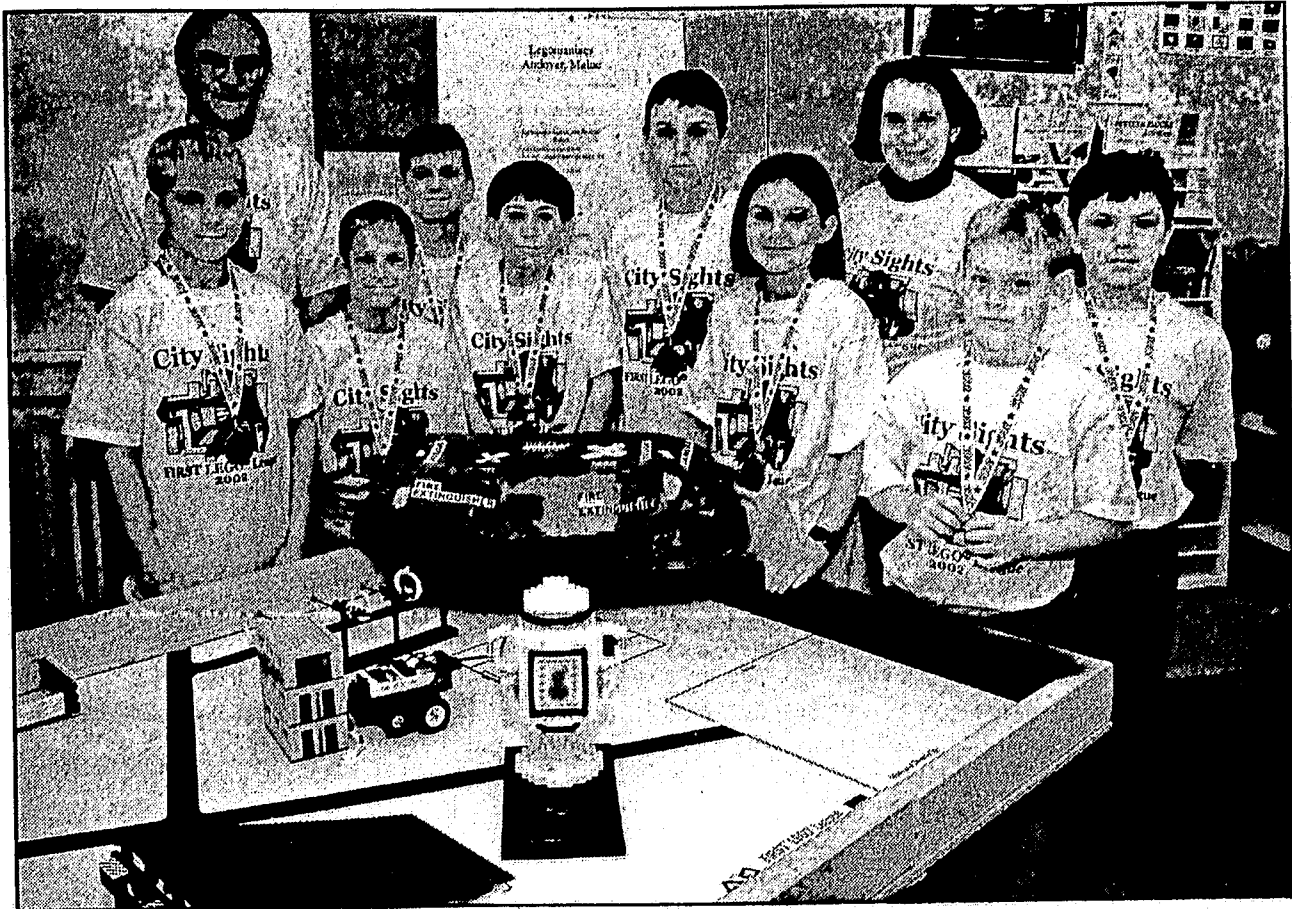
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**LEGO TEAMWORK**—A group of fourth- and fifth-graders from Andover Elementary School returned from the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) LEGO League Science and Technology Competition this weekend with the TEAMWORK Award. FIRST LEGO league is part of a nationwide science competition with more than 26,000 students aged 9-14 using robotics technology to design a robot and take part in a competition. This year's challenge was called "City Sights," which explores the obstacles, restrictions and challenges that urban planners face everyday in order to provide basic services such as housing, clean water, safe environment, educational and medical assistance, sustainable energy, mass transportation and communications to the city. The tournament was held Sunday at the University of Maine, Orono. Thirty-six teams from across the state met to present their results. AES team members included fifth-graders Evan Fessenden, Gavin Lee, Michael MacKnight, Arete Maselli, and Carl Zurhorst; fourth-graders: Darren Jodrey, Morgan Lee and Elek Pew. They were coached by AES teacher Roger Sabin and parent coach Mary Zurhorst. The Mahoosuc Kids Association afterschool program in Andover sponsored this year's team.

(Photo by Dirk MacKnight)

## Hoops

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injury, after missing most of the preseason.

Two other seniors, Matt Hamel (guard) and Ian Andrews (center) return to basketball after a year away from the sport.

Rounding out the seniors are captain Wade Osgood (forward) and Jordi Walker (forward/guard).

Juniors include Alex Best (forward); Casey Fleet (guard); Sean Dumont (forward); and Kurt Wight (utilityman).

Sophomores include August Reiss (guard/forward); Terry Collins (forward) and Josh Longway (guard).

Freshman Sean Caddigan (guard) completes the roster.

Like the girls' squad, the boys fell to Winthrop by a sizeable margin in the season opener Saturday.

"We need to figure out roles, and the younger players need experience," said Durgin.

In addition, he said, "We're not as big as we were last year, so we'll have to battle harder for rebounds," he said.

If they can get those rebounds, the Rebels still have the speed to run up and down the court like the teams of the past two years have, Durgin said.

Telstar takes on strong Mountain Valley and Wiscasset teams this week. As with the girls' early schedule, "you find out where you stand right off," he said.

(The Rebels found out they stand up well against Mountain Valley, losing Tuesday night by only two points.)

Durgin said Telstar's recent ranking of 10th in a Mountain Valley Conference preseason rating has provided incentive for his players to prove they're better than that.

"I think we'll come on strong. We'd like to get back to Augusta again," he said.

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# School Sports

## High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Mt. Valley 72, Telstar 70; Dec. 10-Telstar's Kinsey Durgin scored 33 points, Wade Osgood 10 and Casey Fleet and Sean Caddigan nine each in a loss to Mt. Valley. August Reiss had six and Jordi Walker 3. Durgin had six three-pointers and Walker, Fleet and Caddigan one each.

Winthrop 89, Telstar 52; Dec. 7-Telstar lost its season opener in a game played at Winthrop.

## High School Boys' J.V. Basketball

Telstar 66, Winthrop 62; Dec. 7-Telstar's Sean Caddigan led the scoring with 23 points - including two free throws with 17 seconds left in the game - in a win over Winthrop. Caddigan scored 12 of his points in the fourth quarter. Other scorers: Stephen McDonnell (12); Terry Collins (9); Josh Longway (9); Christ Estes (5); Matt Mills (4); Kevin Zinchuk (2); and Casey Ryerson (2). "Everyone contributed with great effort at both ends of the court," said coach Alec Newell. "A great way to open our season, and an excellent team win."

## High School Girls' Varsity Basketball

Mt. Valley 69, Telstar 32; Dec. 9-Telstar's Lauren Hart scored 12 points and Krystle Gould seven in a loss to Mt. Valley. Other scorers: Santana Wilson (4); Lindsay Hart (3); Chea Davis (2); Liz Rosenberg (2); Kelsey Dole (2).

Winthrop 52, Telstar 28; Dec. 6-Telstar's Lauren Hart and Krystle Gould each scored 10 points in a loss to Winthrop. Lindsay Hart had five points and Santana Wilson three. Gould had a three-pointer.

## TMS Girls' Varsity Basketball

Madison 26, Telstar 18; Dec. 9-Telstar's Megan Smith, Bailey Davis and Josie Reiss each scored five points in a loss to Madison. Tara Lunney had two points and Vicki Rice one. "Outplayed in the first half by a score of 22 to 9, the defense came alive in the second half and held Madison to four points," said coach Brian Mills. "But they ran out of time to complete the comeback."

Jay 45, Telstar 32; Dec. 4-Telstar's Kara Thurlow and Joseline Belanger each scored eight points in a loss to Jay. Other scorers: Bailey Davis (6); Josie Reiss (4); Tara Lunney (3); Jacki Coffin (2); Caiti Shimamura (1). "The first game of the season saw an aggressive Jay team outplay us for most of the game," said coach Brian Mills. "More intensity as the season moves along, and we will be in every game."

## CHAMBER BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



and trails. Recently, they have added a section that offers a bar, as well as table service and television. A small "lunch counter" is also being planned for their carry out area as well. The name "Finish Line," with its obvious reference to racing, comes from both the extreme sport racing world, as well as from the concept of the customers' home being the "finish line" in Keith and Sarah's quick, free delivery service to the town.

Finish Line food will often be found elsewhere around the community. Sandwiches at the Big Apple are a product of Finish Line. Local organizations and our schools often enjoy their pizzas. As for involvement in the community, their time is limited, but Keith has coached soccer for a number of years, and also coaches at Sunday River. And, together, they seek to reach out to the youth of our community, giving them a positive place where they can feel comfortable and safe.

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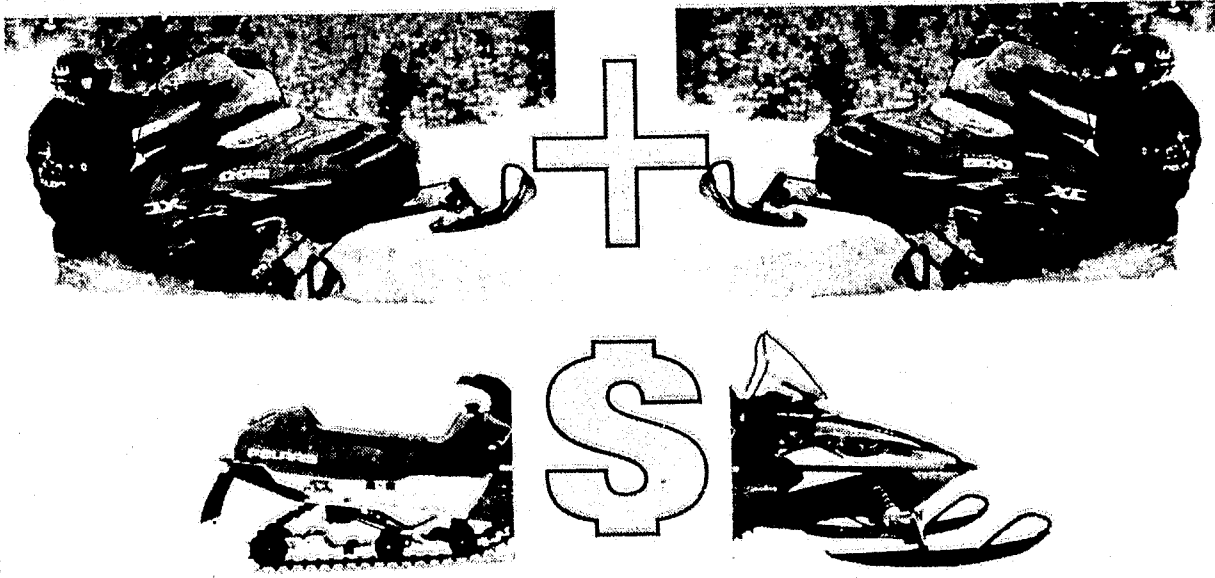


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### From the Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

The annual "Christmas with the Masons" was held on Thursday, Dec. 5, at the Bethel Historical Society's Dr. Moses Mason House. As usual the house was decorated with bows, berries, and fruit as it might have been in the early 19th century. Grace MacKivergan served hot mulled cider from the hearth of the winter kitchen while Judy Haskell and Lorrie Hoeh served as hostesses assisted by Randy Bennett and Danna Nickerson. Christmas music, candlelight, blazing fireplaces and delicious treats completed this unique holiday experience.

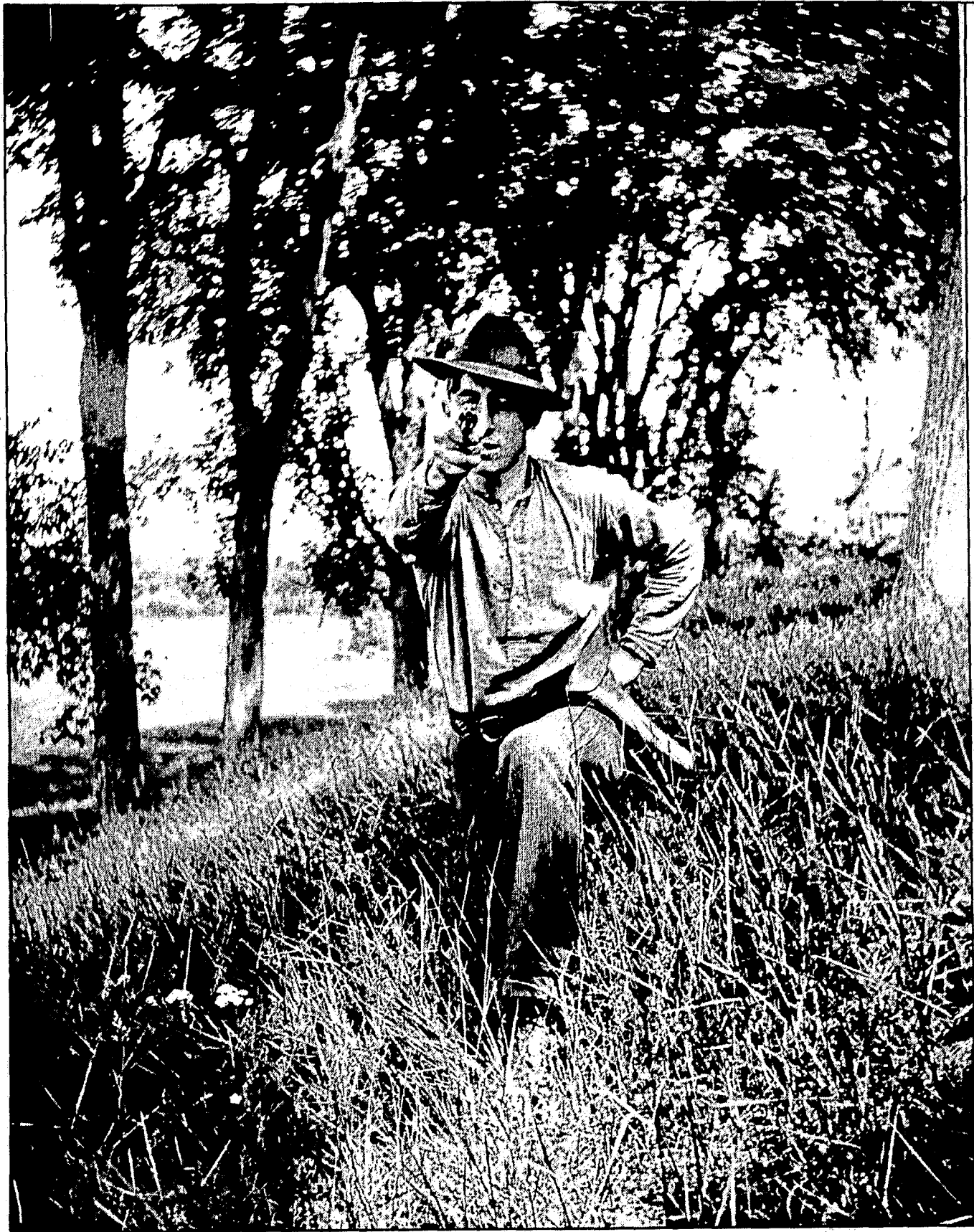
Following this portion of the evening, visitors assembled in the exhibit hall for the annual slide show featuring slides of old Christmas greeting cards and scenes from the region's past.

December is membership month at the Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center. New members are always welcome at the society and gift memberships are also available. Membership in

the society entitles one to free admission to the period house museum, a 10 percent discount on purchases \$10 or more at the museum shop, special research library privileges, a subscription to the society's quarterly, The Courier, preferred rates for facilities rentals, voting rights in the society, reduced fees for society courses, and special invitations to society events. There are a number of membership levels from which to choose. Further information is available by calling 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910.

Tickets and programs are now available for the 5th annual New Year's Bethel celebration. They may be picked up at the Bethel Citizen, Maine Line Products both in Bethel and Locke Mills, the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, and the society's museum shop. For further information, please call the society office at the numbers above.

More than a thousand members strong, the Bethel Historical Society, founded in 1966, is western Maine's largest and most comprehensive full-time historical agency, dedicated to collecting, preserving, and interpreting the regional past for present and future generations. For over thirty-five years, the society's activities have included lectures, exhibits, special events, heritage festivals, workshops, conferences, school and educational programs, and publications. Since 1974, the society has operated from its Broad Street headquarters, the Dr. Moses Mason House, a period house museum and research library. In 1999, it opened the O'Neil Robinson House (next door) to the public for an expanded exhibit program, museum shop space, and administrative offices. Through the years, the society's achievements have been recognized by a number of state and national organizations.



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### News and photos from clubs and organizations

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## THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 12, 2002

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	'70s Show	'70s Show	WWE Smackdown!		News	Frasier	Frasier	Ent. Tonight		
(32)	Movie: "Must Be Santa"			Rudolph's New Year	Jack Frost		700 Club			
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Friends	Scrubs	Will-Grace	Good Mtn	ER	News		
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Dinotopia		Best Commercials-Never		Primetime Thursday	News		
(10)	News-Lehrer	Maine	Made In	Frontline	Jessye Norman-Holiday		Rose			
(22)	College Football Awards			NHL Hockey: Pittsburgh Penguins at San Jose Sharks						
(34)	Real TV	Real TV	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.				
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Thailand	CSI: Crime Scn	Without a Trace	News				
(41)	Tailgate	Last Word	Best Damn Sports Show Period		Best Damn Sports Show Period					
(15)	Harry Potter-Sorcerer's	Inside the NFL	Movie: "Meet the Parents"		Cathouse					
(17)	Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Movie: "Jumping Ship"		Even	Sister, Sis.	Boy World	Boy World		
(18)	"Judas Kiss" Cont'd	Movie: "Rock Star"			Movie: "Not Another Teen Movie"		Real Sex			
(20)	NHL Hockey: Ottawa Senators at Boston Bruins			Overtime	PGAcom	ESPNNews				
(44)	Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: "Holy Joe"		Golden	Golden				
(5)	Friends	Seinfeld	Movie: "Interview With the Vampire"		Movie: "Firestarter"					
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Rugrats	Doug	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers	Cheers	Coach	Coach
(25)	The Poseidon Adventure	Movie: "Death Hunt"			Movie: "To Hell and Back"					
(26)	JAG	Motown Christmas	Movie: "The Man in the Iron Mask"		JAG					
(27)	Real Story	Biography	Movie: "Columbo: Uneasy Lies the Crown"		Third Watch					
(12)	Home Imp.	Will-Grace	Movie: "Oliver & Company"		News	Justice	Heat			
(39)	Crossfire	Connie Chung Tonight	Larry King Live		Newsnight-Aaron Brown	Chung	Moneyline			

## MONDAY EVENING DECEMBER 16, 2002

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	'70s Show	'70s Show	Parkers	One	Girlfriends	Half	News	Frasier	Frasier	Ent. Tonight
(32)	Christopher	'Twas Night	Santa Is Coming to Town	Movie: "The Christmas List"					700 Club	
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Fear Factor		Crossing Jordan		News			
(8)	Sports Rap Live	Monk			NFL Football: New England Patriots at Tennessee Titans					
(10)	News-Lehrer	Capitol Connection	Ken Burns American Stories		Maine	Antiques Roadshow				
(22)	Sportsctr.	Monday Night Countdown	Figure Skating: Brian Boitano's Skating Spectacular		Cheerleading: College					
(34)	Real TV	Real TV	Star Trek: Next Gener.	WWE Raw		CSI: Crime Scn				
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	King	Yes, Dear	Raymond	Still	CSI: Miami			
(41)	Sports	Last Word	Sports	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Chicago Bulls		Best Damn Sports Show				
(15)	"Multiplicity" Cont'd	Movie: "A.I.: Artificial Intelligence"			Catch Me If	Movie: "O"				
(17)	Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	"The Ultimate Christmas Present"		Lizzie	Even	Sister, Sis.	Boy World	Boy World	
(18)	Things to Do in Denver	Movie: "From Hell"			Movie: "Booty Call"					
(20)	Outdoors	Divers	Outdoors	Outdoors	ESPNNews		ESPNNews			
(44)	Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: "Judgment Day: The Ellie Nesler Story"		Golden	Golden				
(5)	Friends	Seinfeld	Movie: "Sleepless in Seattle"		Movie: "When Harry Met Sally"					
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers	Cheers	Coach	Coach
(25)	"Winterhawk" Cont'd	Movie: "Dreamscape"			Movie: "Enemy Mine"					
(26)	Movie: "Con Air" Cont'd	Movie: "U-571"			Bon Jovi-N.Y.		Nash			
(27)	Real Story	TVography	American Justice		Investigative Reports		Third Watch			
(12)	Home Imp.	Will-Grace	Movie: "Scur Grapes"		News	Justice	Heat			
(39)	Crossfire	Connie Chung Tonight	Larry King Live		Newsnight-Aaron Brown	Chung	Moneyline			

## TUESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 17, 2002

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	'70s Show	'70s Show	Buffy the Vampire Slayer	Twilight Zone		News	Frasier	Frasier	Ent. Tonight	
(32)	Movie: "Secret of Giving"			Movie: "Mr. St. Nick"					700 Club	
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Saturday Night Live Christmas		Frasier	Dateline	News			
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	8 Rules	Jim	Life-Bonnie	Less Than	NYPD Blue		News	
(10)	News-Lehrer	Nova			Main Stream		Charlie Rose			
(22)	College Basketball: Jimmy V -- Gonzaga vs. N.C. St.				College Basketball: Jimmy V Classic -- Cincinnati vs. Oregon		Sportsctr.			
(34)	Real TV	Real TV	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Movie: "Platoon"			Star Trek			
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	JAG	Guardian	Judging Amy		News			
(41)	See This	Last Word	Best Damn Sports Show Period		Best Damn Sports Show Period					
(15)	"In the Gloaming" Cont'd	Movie: "Ocean's Eleven"			Real Sports		"Freddy Got Fingered"			
(17)	Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Movie: "The Brainiacs.com"		Even	Sister, Sis.	Boy World	Boy World		
(18)	"Working Girl" Cont'd	Movie: "Desperado"			Movie: "Meet Wally Sparks"					
(20)	Boston Red Sox Hall of Fame Ceremony		ESPNNews		ESPNNews		ESPNNews			
(44)	Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: "Something About Amelia"		Golden	Golden				
(5)	Friends	Seinfeld	Movie: "Money Talks"		Movie: "Money Train"					
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Thornberrys	Sponge	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers	Cheers	Coach	Coach
(25)	"The Good Wife" Cont'd	Movie: "Cross Creek"			Movie: "Valmont"					
(26)	JAG	Movie: "Six Days, Seven Nights"			Movie: "Six Days, Seven Nights"					
(27)	Real Story	Biography	Cold Case Files		Investigative Reports		Third Watch			
(12)	Home Imp.	Will-Grace	Movie: "Messenger of Death"		News	Justice	Heat			
(39)	Crossfire	Connie Chung Tonight	Larry King Live		Newsnight-Aaron Brown	Chung	Moneyline			

## WEDNESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 18, 2002

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	'70s Show	'70s Show	Enterprise		Amazing Race 3				Twilight Zone	
(32)	Jack Frost		Without Santa		Movie: "The Christmas Path"				700 Club	
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Ed		West Wing		Law & Order		News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	My Wife	Lopez	Barbara Walters		MDs		News	
(10)	News-Lehrer	National Geographic	Muhammad: Legacy of a Prophet		Charlie Rose					
(22)	College Basketball: New Mexico at Texas Tech		NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at Houston Rockets		Sportsctr.					
(34)	Real TV	Real TV	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Movie: "Wayne's World"		Star Trek: Next Gener.				
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	60 Minutes II	Amazing Race 3		News				
(41)	NBA Basketball: Miami Heat at Boston Celtics				Best Damn Sports Show Period					
(15)	"Sweet November"	Movie: "Live From Baghdad"			Love It or Leave It		Movie: "The Patriot"			
(17)	Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Movie: "An All Dogs Christmas Carol"		Proud	Even	Sister, Sis.	Boy World	Boy World	
(18)	Under Siege 2	Movie: "Charlie's Angels"			Movie: "From Hell"					
(20)	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Buffalo Sabres				Overtime	ESPNNews	ESPNNews			
(44)	Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: "Heart of a Stranger"		Golden	Golden				
(5)	Friends	Seinfeld	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	Worst-Case Scenario	Ripley's Believe It or Not!		Worst-Case Scenario			
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Rugrats	Brady	Brady	Cheers	Cheers	All in Family	3's Co.	
(25)	Bruce Lee: Journey	Movie: "Chain Reaction"			Movie: "Force 10 From Navarone"					
(26)	JAG	Movie: "Braveheart"								
(27)	Real Story	Biography	American Justice		City Confidential		Third Watch			
(12)	Home Imp.	Will-Grace	Movie: "Beastmaster 2: Through the Portal of Time"		News	Justice	Heat			
(39)	Crossfire	Connie Chung Tonight	Larry King Live		Newsnight-Aaron Brown	Chung	Moneyline			

## SATURDAY EVENING DECEMBER 14, 2002

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "North Dallas Forty"		News	Sanders	Entertainment Tonight			
(32)	"The Christmas Path"	Orange	Frosty's	Life-Bonnie	Less Than	Movie: "Special Delivery"				
(6)	Maine	Seinfeld	Figure Skating: Skaters' Championship		GQ Awards		News	Sat. Night		
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "Armageddon"				News	Practice		
(10)	Laura Darrell's Very Special Christmas	Three Tenors Christmas			Russell	Red Green	Red Green			
(22)	Sportscenter	Helsman Trophy	Movie: "The Junction Boys"		Sportscenter					
(34)	Robot Wars: Extreme	American Gladiators	Slamball		WWE Velocity	WWE Confidential				
(13)	Entertainment Tonight	Frosty	Frosty	District	Agency	News	Andromeda			
(41)	NBA Action	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at New York Knicks			Postgame	NFL Show				
(15)	Movie: "Driven" Cont'd	Movie: "Ocean's Eleven"			Boxing: Byrd vs. Holyfield		Sopranos			
(17)	Proud	Lizzie	Movie: "The Santa Clause"		Movie: "The Santa Clause"					
(18)	"Cruel Intentions II"	Movie: "Speed"			Movie: "From Hell"					
(20)	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Montreal Canadiens				Overtime	ESPNNews	ESPNNews			
(44)	Movie: "A Dangerous Affair"		"A Murderous Affair: The Carolyn Warmus Story"		For the People					
(5)	Movie: "Jack Frost"		Movie: "Mouse Hunt"		Movie: "Jack Frost"					
(24)	Jimmy	Oddparents	All That	Nick	Amanda	Skeeter	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers	Cheers
(25)	Movie: "Bullitt" Cont'd	Movie: "Raiders of the Lost Ark"			Movie: "Hamburger Hill"					
(26)	"Out of Sight" Cont'd	Movie: "Meet Joe Black"								
(27)	Mansions. Monuments	Behind Closed Doors	Holiday at Pops		Nero Wolfe					
(12)	HappyDay	HappyDay	Fresh Pr.	NBA Basketball: Milwaukee Bucks at Chicago Bulls		News	Universal			
(39)	Capital Gang	CNN Presents	Larry King Weekend		CNN Saturday Night		Capital Gang			

## SUNDAY EVENING DECEMBER 15, 2002

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Hot Ticket	Sports Final	Movie: "White Christmas"				Sanders	'70s Show	I Love Lucy	
(32)	"Special Delivery" Cont'd	Jack Frost			Movie: "Mr. St. Nick"			Without Santa		
(6)	Cmas Decorations	American Dreams			Movie: "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"		News	Hot Ticket		
(8)	Movie: "Nancy Drew"				Alias	Practice		News	Buffy	
(10)	Monarch of the Glen	Nature			Masterpiece Theatre		Concerto	To Contrary	Religion	
(22)	Sportsctr.	NFL Primetime			NFL Football: Arizona Cardinals at St. Louis Rams		Sportsctr.			
(34)	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Oblivious	Oblivious	Real TV	Real TV	Ultimate	Ultimate		
(13)	60 Minutes	Becker	Yes, Dear		Movie: "The Man Who Saved Christmas"		News	Friends		
(41)	College Basketball: SMU at Wake Forest				Beyond the Glory	See This	See This	Beyond the Glory		
(15)	"Mad Love" Cont'd	Sex & City	Sex & City		Movie: "Live From Baghdad"			Movie: "Swordfish"		
(17)	Proud	Lizzie	Movie: "RocketMan"				Movie: "MVP: Most Valuable Primate"			
(18)	"Beverly Hills Cop"		Movie: "Dangerous Minds"				Movie: "Monster's Ball"			
(20)	Outdoors	Divers	Outdoors	Outdoors	Wild World of Winter	ESPNNews		ESPNNews		
(44)	"Heart of a Stranger"	Division			Strong Medicine		For the People	Movie: "Blind Obsession"		
(5)	"Mouse Hunt" Cont'd	Movie: "Sister Act"					Movie: "Sister Act"			
(24)	Scare	Ginger	Garcia	Clueless	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers	Cheers	Coach	Coach
(25)	"The French Connection"	Movie: "The French Connection"			Movie: "Raising Cain"					
(26)	Movie: "U-571" Cont'd	Movie: "Con Air"			Dead Zone		Law-Order			
(27)	Biography of the Year	Nero Wolfe			City Confidential		Third Watch	Murder, She Wrote		
(12)	Mutant X	Andromeda			Adventure Inc.		News	Replay	In the Heat of the Night	
(39)	People in the News	CNN Presents	Larry King Weekend		CNN Sunday Night		CNN Presents			

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# Events Calendar

**Public Computer Access**—Hours at the SAD44 Adult Learning Center, Philbrook Street, Bethel are: Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon; Wednesday, 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.; and Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon for academic instruction and GED preparation, as well as use of the computer lab.

**Seniors Lunch** every Tuesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m., at Bethel Methodist Church, Main Street, sponsored by SeniorsPlus. Donation for 60 and older and spouses, \$2.50; all other guests, \$4. Reservations important. For information, menus, reservations, call 824-3168 (also the number to call to apply for Meals on Wheels).

**9 a.m. (Thursdays) — Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge** at Town and Country Mobile Home Park community center, Norway. All bridge players invited to attend and bring a friend or two. Refreshments. For more information, call Mini Bell (743-8081) or Rowena Palmer (743-2882) or e-mail bridge@mega-link.net.

**Nov. 5-Dec. 20** — Ongoing Craft and Bake Sale at Woodstock Elementary School. Bread, cookies, brownies, some pies, crafts, etc. Quilt raffled on Dec. 17; tickets \$1 available at library, craft fair and Woodstock Town Office.

**10 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Christmas Trees for Sale** at P.H. Chadbourne lot on Route 26, south of Bethel available Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14-15 and 21-22. Trees cost \$15 to \$25 each. Proceeds will benefit Project Graduation activities at Telstar. FMI, call 824-2136.

and \$9.50 for non-members.

## Dec. 11-14

**10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Trees and Trains** at McLaughlin Foundation barn in South Paris. Variety of dwarf and full-size conifers, models of Grand Trunk, Bridgton/Saco and Maine Central Line stations. Hot coffee, tea, cocoa and cookies available at ticket office. \$4 donation, \$2 for kids under 12. Dress seasonally. Pre-registration required. Call Lee Dasser at 743-8820 to register or for more information.

## Thursday, Dec. 12

**6 to 10 p.m. — Oxford County Democratic Committee** holiday celebration and volunteer recognition and appreciation event at the Eagles Club in Rumford. Old-fashioned potluck supper, bring a hot dish, salad, dessert or bread to share plus a canned or packaged item for a food pantry. Public invited. FMI, call Cathy Newell at 875-2116.

**December 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22**

**7:30 p.m. (Dec. 12-19) and 2 and 7:30 p.m. (Dec. 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22) — Magic of Christmas** concert by Portland Symphony Orchestra at Merrill Auditorium, 20 Myrtle Street, Portland, with Toshiyuki Shimada, music director. Tickets: \$47, \$40, \$32, \$24, \$15 may be purchased at PortTix (842-0800), or online at [www.portlandsymphony.com](http://www.portlandsymphony.com). Discounted tickets for students and seniors.

## Saturday, Dec. 14

**6:30 p.m. — Christmas Holiday Performance** by Spring Street Dance Theater at Helen Berry Auditorium, Telstar Regional High School. Donations accepted for Telstar's music and theater department. FMI, 824-6522.

## Support Services

### Abused Women's Advocacy Project

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24-hour hotline 1-800-559-2927.

### Alcohol/Drug Treatment

Gateway Recovery Services—Outpatient counseling services available at Bethel Family Health Center, Mondays and Wednesdays. For info, call 207-743-7580.

### Diabetes Support Group

The Diabetes Support Group meets on the third Wednesday of each month. The meeting is held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Harper Conference Center in the Ripley Medical Building. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Betty Stirois at 743-5933.

### Exchanges

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday, 1 to 4 p.m.; Thursday 3 to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center** announces that individuals or families requiring assistance with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

### Mental Illness Support Group

**Beacon House Social Club**, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional or physical illness, provides support, relaxation and socialization. Monday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays or (800) 335-9999 off hours. 928-3222.

### REACH

**Rape Education and Crisis Hotline** 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

### Veterans' Services (State/VA Benefits)

**Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris**, first and third Wednesday each month, 9 to 12 noon (743-6300); Rumford Employment Sec. Bldg. (364-3718), second and fourth Thursday, 9 to 12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 200 Main St., 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday, location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15 p.m. Tel. 392-4841. (new members welcome)

## Library Hours

**Andover Library:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Tel. 392-4841.

**Bethel Library:** Monday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-8 p.m.; Thursday 1-5 p.m.; Friday 1-5 p.m.; Saturday, 9-1 p.m. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 a.m. October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. 824-2520.

**Crescent Park Elementary School:** Open every Thursday evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to the public.

**Hamilin Memorial Library, Paris Hill:** Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980.

**Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond:** Tel. 665-2505. Library hours: Tuesday & Thursday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 12 p.m. and 4 p.m.

**West Paris Library, West Paris:** Monday 1:30-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m. 674-2004.

**Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover:** Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August. Story

Upton Library: Saturdays 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

**6 p.m. — Potluck Supper and Tree Decorating Party** for family and friends of West Bethel Union Church.

**1 to 4 p.m. — Northern Forest Heritage Park's Cultural Christmas Celebration** at 961 Main Street, Berlin, N.H. Enter the Meat Pie Contest, Prizes. Santa will arrive at 2 p.m. Singing, fiddling, story telling, raffles at the Cook House. Children will make bird feeders, ornaments and decorate gingerbread men. Much, much more. FMI, call (603) 752-7202.

**8 to 11:30 p.m. — Old Time Dance** at Locke Mills Town Hall with music by Richard Felt Orchestra. Proceeds benefit Greenwood Historical Society.

**1 to 4 p.m. — Book Signing** by Susan Clement Farrar of her new book, "Emily and her Cavalier," at Books 'N Things, Bethel. Come in and say hello.

**7 p.m. (doors open) — The Commons Music collective** will present A Benefit Concert for Christmas for Kids at Norway Unitarian Universalist Church, 479 Main Street. Featured entertainers: Bill Shimamura with special guest Peggy Beyer, Mary Uke Hargraves, Heather Pierson with Bob Rosenbaum, Nathan Towne, Pamela Larratt. Tickets: \$5 for adults and \$3 for under 12 (\$7 and \$3 at door) available at Fare Share Co-op and The Little Jungle in Norway. FMI, call 782-4496 or 388-2669.

**7 to 10 p.m. — Swingin' Bears annual Christmas for Kids Teddy Bear Dance** at Oxford Hills Middle School cafeteria, Pine Street, South Paris. Squares and rounds. Class/plus level dance. Bring unwrapped gift for a needy child. Everyone welcome.

## Sunday, Dec. 15

**Sunday River Ski Resort's Community Day.** Free or discounted prices for skiing, riding, rental equipment, clinics and food. To participate, children's names must be on a district list provided by superintendent's office. FMI, call 824-3000.

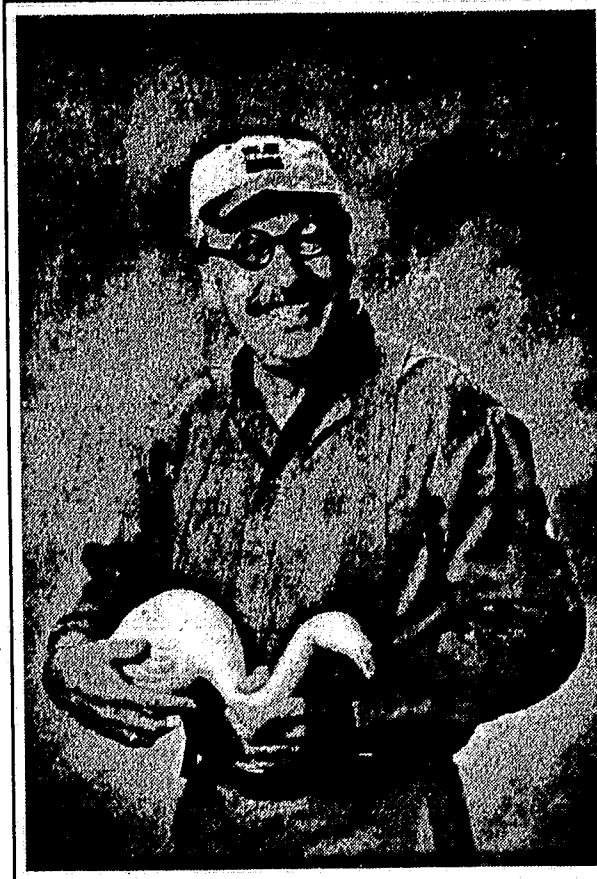
**2 to 4 p.m. — Santa's coming to Newry Grange.** Cookie decorating, arts and crafts and food. Bring your Christmas lists and a carrot for Santa's reindeer. All children welcome.

**5 p.m. — Christmas Party** at West Paris Unitarian Universalist Church for the church and community, all ages. Potluck supper. See Santa and Mrs. Claus.

**2 p.m. — Finnish American Heritage Society** meeting at the Heritage Center, Maple Street, West Paris. Exchange of gifts labeled lady or gent. Bring one and get one. In case of storm or bad driving meeting will be canceled.

## Monday, Dec. 16

**6:30 to 8 p.m. — Friends of Telstar High School** will meet at the Telstar library. Guest speaker: Principal Shawn Lambert and student class officers. All welcome. Holiday refreshments. Please



**COMING FOR NEW YEAR'S BETHEL:** Maine Humorist Gary Crocker will be one of six venues offered at the fifth annual New Year's Bethel festivities sponsored by the Bethel Historical Society. His Downeast stories told in the classic Maine tradition will be told at the Congregational Church at 7 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. on Dec. 31. Other venues include folk music, vaudeville, Dixieland jazz, and barbershop singing. A lighted vehicle parade, horse-drawn wagon rides, marshmallow roasting and fireworks will be among the other attractions during the evening. Tickets (\$10 adults, \$8 for students 5-18) are available at The Citizen office, Maine Line Products (Bethel and Locke Mills), the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Bethel Historical Society's museum shop. Further information can be obtained by calling the society office at (800) 824-2908 or 824-2908.

bring non-perishable item for the Holiday Food Drive.

## Tuesday, Dec. 17

**11:30 a.m. — Christian Women United** meeting at Country Way Restaurant, South Paris. Speakers: Lois Strauss and Priscilla Delehanty. Those not contacted may call Pearl Anderson at 743-5724.

**7 p.m. — Telstar Musical Department annual Winter Concert** featuring Middle School Chorus and Band and High School Chorus and Concert Band in Helen Berry Auditorium at Telstar Regional High School. Free, but donations greatly appreciated. Refreshments.

**6:30 p.m. — Mollycodd Chapter of Trout Unlimited Holiday Dinner** at Trolley House Restaurant, Main Street, Norway. Raffle of fly rod and Battenkill reel (\$2 each ticket). Slide show and short film.

## Friday, Dec. 20

**7:30 p.m. — Yulefest**, a student concert at Gould Academy's Bingham Hall.

## Saturday, Dec. 21

**4 p.m. — Sing and Shout for Joy** Christmas Cantata at Locke Mills Union Church. Choir from area churches. Refreshments following.

## Sunday, Dec. 22

**5 p.m. — Living Nativity** at Bethel Common. Preparation begins at 3:30 p.m. at Bethel Inn Conference Center. Call 824-2289 for more information. Hymn sing after at the Nazarene Church. Public welcome.

## Friday, Dec. 27

**6:30 p.m. (sign-up), 7 p.m. (Open Mic) — Norway Coffeehouse/Open Mic** hosted by Heather Pierson and Diane Vincent at Norway Unitarian Universalist Church, 379 Main Street. Suggested donation: \$3. Proceeds to benefit The Life Center at J.F. Murphy Homes. FMI, call Heather Pierson at 782-4496.

## Tuesday, Dec. 31

**6 p.m. — Fifth annual New Year's Bethel Celebration.** Vehicle parade up Main Street, venues (Gary Crocker, humorist, Jim Gallant, guitarist and vocalist; trio of musicians, jugglers and actors; Molly Ockett Chorus; Old Grey Goose; and a jazz band), marshmallow roast, etc. Tickets (\$10) may be purchased at The Bethel Citizen, Bethel Historical Society Museum Shop, Maine Line Products in Bethel and Locke Mills, and Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce.

**Annual New Year's Eve Party and Fireworks display** at Sunday River Ski Resort. Live music, dinner specials and activities for all ages. FMI, go to [www.sundayriver.com](http://www.sundayriver.com)

**Ring in the New Year** at Bethel Inn and Country Club. Dinner specials, fireworks over golf course. FMI, call 824-2175.

**New Year's Eve Snowmobile Ride and Dine** at the Great Grizzly. For reservations, call 824-7533 or (877) 851-7533.

## Wednesday, Jan. 1

**Sunday River Ski Resort's Community Day.** Free or discounted prices for skiing, riding, rental equipment, clinics and food. To participate, children's names must be on a district list provided by superintendent's office. FMI, call 824-3000.

## Friday, Jan. 24

**Ski Day to Eliminate Polio** at Sunday River Ski Resort to benefit International Polio Eradication Campaign of Rotary International. Tickets: \$40 each through Bethel Rotary Club. FMI, call 824-4500.

## Saturday, Feb. 8

**10th annual Winter Walk Against Violence** sponsored by Abused Women's Advocacy Project. Inside Auburn Mall. FMI, call Cindy at 795-6744 ext. 16.

## Monthly Meetings

**First Sunday:** Bethel Snow Twisters Club meets at Clayton-Crocker's at 7 p.m. September through April.

**Greenstock Snow Sports Snowmobile Club** meets at the Greenwood Town Office at 9 a.m.

**Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club** meeting at Newry Town Office. Second Sunday: Western Maine Mountain Trail Mixers ATV Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Sun Valley Sports, 129 Sunday River Road, Bethel. New members welcome.

**Every Sunday:** Western Mountains Meditation Group, Center for Natural Healing, 47 Pioneer Street, West Paris, 9:30 a.m. 674-3961. Bethel Freedom Group AA meeting, 6 to 7 p.m. ST/BB at Bethel Fire Station.

**First and Third Monday:** Bethel Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

**Newry Fire Department** monthly meetings: first Monday, 7 p.m., at Sunday River Station; third Monday, 7 p.m., Bear River Station.

**Franklin Grange #124**, 7:00 p.m., call 674-3046 or 674-3962 for more info.

**First Monday:** Greenwood Planning Board meets at Town Office, 7 p.m.

**Second Monday:** Newry Mother's Club meets, 7:30 p.m.

**Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War**, J. Grover Tent #17, Ellis River Riders meet at Andover Fire Station, 7 p.m.

**Third and Fourth Monday:** Greenwood Comprehensive Planning Committee meets at town office, 7 p.m.

**Second and Fourth Monday:** SAD44 Board of Directors meets in Bethel, Woodstock or Andover at 7:30 p.m. Call 824-2185 for place.

**Gilead Fire Department** meets at the Fire Station at 7 p.m.

**Every Monday:** Mahoosuc Music Makers rehearsal, 7-9 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church (downstairs).

**First Tuesday:** Upton selectmen meet at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

**Western Maine Knitters Guild** meets at Christ Church, Norway, 10 a.m. to noon.

**First and Third Tuesday:** The Greater Rumford Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Children and Adolescent Network (GRAM-CAN) Support, education and advocacy. Meets in the former St. John's rectory from 6:30-8 p.m. in Rumford. Contact Diane at 369-0542.

**Bethel Area Promise Keepers**, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

**FACTS (Family/Friends And Consumers Together for Support)** 6:30-8 p.m. at Ethel Bisbee Adult Learning Center. Contact Rhonda at 824-3076.

**Greenwood selectmen** meet at Town Office, 5 p.m.

**Woodstock Planning Board** meets at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

**Woodstock Selectmen** meet at 5 p.m. at Town Office.

**Second Tuesday:** Mundt-Allen Post, American Legion, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Supper starts at 6:30 p.m.

**Telstar Alumni Association** meets in the guidance conference room.

**Ladies' Bible Fellowship**, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

**Second and Fourth Tuesday:** The Bethel Lions Club meets at the Rebel Family Restaurant, West Bethel at 6:30 p.m.

**Third Tuesday:** Pine Tree Legal Assistance at Bethel Area Health Center, starting at 10 a.m.

**Every Tuesday:** Bethel Rotary Club meets at The Bethel Inn, 7:30 a.m. Andover Board of Selectmen meets at the Town office, 7 p.m.

**Newry Board of Selectmen** meets at the Town Office, 9 a.m.

**CrossCountry Quilters** will meet at the Robinson House or Bethel Library from 9 to 11 a.m. except the last Tuesday of each month the meeting will be from 7 to 9 p.m.

**Cub Scout Pack 566** meeting, 6 p.m., at Crescent Park School Cafeteria.

**Mollycodd Chorus** practice, 6:30-9 p.m. at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Skeefield Rd., Oxford (Call 824-2468 for info).

**First Wednesday:** Greenwood Historical Society meets at the Society Building, Main St., Locke Mills, 7 p.m.

**Bethel Area Archery** Spinning Group, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Potluck luncheon.

**The Ash-Risley Detachment** of the Marine Corps League meets at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW Post #2520, Berlin, NH. All current marines and former marines are welcome to attend. For more information, please call (603) 237-9395 or (603) 752-3042.

# Church Services

## Bethel

**Bethel Alliance Church**—Rev. Rick Mowery, 10:00 a.m. worship. Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. Evening fellowship and youth ministries 6:00 p.m., Sundays. Prayer fellowship 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays.

**Church of the Nazarene**—Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school (2 hours, including recreation activities; call 824-4028 for transportation). 10:30 a.m. morning worship, 6 p.m. evening service. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 for more info.

**West Parish Congregational**—Rev. Daniel Johnson. 10:30 a.m. worship. Nursery care provided. Prayer, Tues., 8 a.m. For more information call 824-8860.

**Our Lady of the Snows**—Mass—Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Dec. 21 - March 29. Pastor Father Maurice Lebel 743-2606.

**United Methodist**—Mrs. Betsey S. Webber, Pastor, 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Rainbow Church School, 3-5 p.m. Thursdays (all ages welcome).

**West Bethel Union**—9 a.m. worship and Sunday school. For info. call 836-2844 or 836-2882. Rev. Earl H. Bell.

**Pleasant Valley Bible**—Pastor Clifford McMullen, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship. 836-2828.

**Episcopal House Church**—Holy communion service the third Sunday of every month at 4:00 p.m. at 38 Chapman Street. For further info, call the Reverend Gwenth Bohr at 824-2913.

**Church of Christ**—at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mill Road (Rt. 26), Bethel. Worship at 10 a.m. Sunday. Bible study at 11 a.m. 824-3577.

**Worldwide Church of God**—10:30 a.m. first, second third (and fifth) Saturday each month. Services held in the dining hall of the West Parish Congregational Church. Contact: George Weber, 892-0779

## Woodstock

**Bryant Pond Baptist**—Rev. Peter Laites, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Adult Bible Fellowship 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Choir Practice 4:45 p.m.; Evening Preaching Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays: Patch the Pirate Club 6:30 p.m.; Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist**—Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

**Pinhook Meeting House** (Rt. 232, North Woodstock)—Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

**Mahoosuc Mountains Friends**—a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. First Day School activities provided for children. Call Arla Patch 665-2224 for more info.

## Andover

**First Congregational Church**—Pastor Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 a.m. followed by coffee fellowship. Sunday School on Tuesdays from 3-4:15 p.m. for children in grades K-5. Thursday, choir practice at 6:30. All are welcome.

**Calvary Bible Church**—Pastor John O'Keefe. Winter hours: Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday AM worship 10:45 a.m., Wednesday bible study and prayer meeting 6:45 p.m., Thursday Men's Discipleship 7:00 p.m., Contact church for schedule of Ladies Discipleship and bible study groups. Route 5, S. Andover. 392-1121.

## Gorham, N.H.

**Assembly of God**—Pastor Paul Levein. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m. (603-466-2851).

## Locke Mills

**Locke Mills Union**—Rev. Micheal Johnson. Worship will be held at 10:00 a.m.

## East Stoneham

**Oxford County United Parish**—Rev. George Frobig, 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School; Sunday morning worship will be held at the North Waterford Church beginning November 3 and continuing through the winter months.

## Newry

**Newry Community Church**—Sunday worship service, 9 a.m. Rodney H. Hanscom, pastor. (Services in the church will resume in April)

## Albany

**Congregational Church**—Hunt's Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the church.

## Norway/Paris

**Christian Science Society** (5 Aldrich Ave.)—Sunday Service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony Service 7:30 p.m. Call 824-4099 for info or ride.

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**—Route 117N, S. Paris, Pastor Tom Teichmann. Sunday Morning Service 9 a.m. with coffee fellowship immediately after.

**North Paris Federation**—Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service: 8 a.m. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968

**Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers)**—Sunday worship 9:30 a.m., Children's program, 9:40 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris. Call 583-2780 for more information.

**Christ Episcopal Church**—35 Paris St. Sunday services at 8 and 10 a.m.; Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more information.



# Classifieds

## NEWS TIPS

To reach a reporter with a news tip or story request, or to comment on news coverage, call:

Michael Daniels or  
Alison Aloisio at  
**824-2444**

## FOR SALE

**DOLLS FOR SALE:** Knoll Cottage Doll Shoppe. Huge Christmas Sale. Everything 25% off. Check out my boot GBD at Rte. 26. Antiques & Collectibles in Oxford. Call Barbara at 875-3605. Leave message. 47-51p  
**FOR SALE:** Daily 2-6 thru December 20. Wreaths, berries, arrangements. Red Gate Farm. Songo Pond & Skillings Roads. Ginger Kelly. 824-2686 49-51

**4 GOOD YEAR TIRES** 215-65-15, excellent tread, 2 snow, 2 regular. \$10 each or all 4 for \$30. Gun cabinet, holds 6 guns, locking glass door. \$65. Magic heat reclamer with automatic fan, like new condition. \$50 OBO. Phone 665-2915. 49-50f  
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**FOR SALE:** Black Leather sofa, chair, ottoman, metal coffee table. \$700 OBO. 2 year old washer &

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## FIREWOOD FOR SALE

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## LOST

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## FOUND

A SET OF SAAB CAR/HOUSE KEYS found 12-8-02 on Sunday River Road. 824-2115 50f

## VEHICLES FOR SALE

**1990 DODGE DAKOTA SPORT** pick-up truck 124,000 miles. Very dependable. 2 sets of tires, 4 cyl., 5 spd. \$1,600. 836-2208. 35tf  
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## HELP WANTED

LIVE IN PERSON to care for elderly woman in her home. Rumford Point. Call 364-7520 43tf

**FULL-TIME LICENSED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN** wanted for busy practice in Bethel, Maine. Fax resume to 207-824-4542 or mail to 179 Walkers Mills Road, Bethel, ME 04217 49-50  
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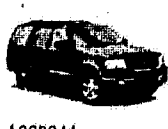
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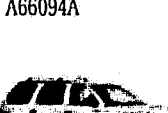
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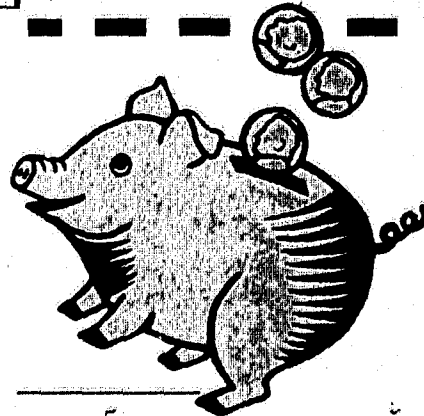
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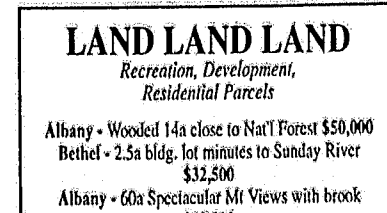
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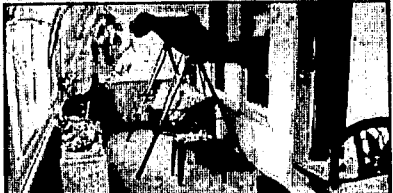
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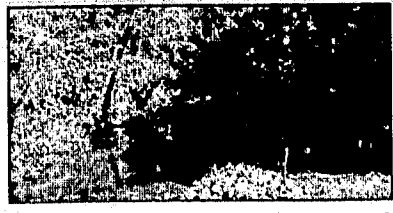
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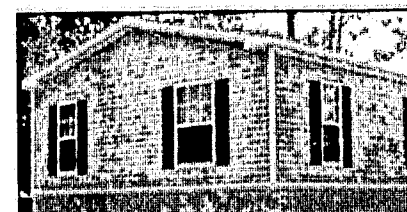
**E. Bethel Rd, Greenwood:** This home has 5 bedrooms, 1-3/4 baths, nice kitchen, a full basement, cedar shake exterior and lots of potential. It's also handicap accessible and sits conveniently at the Greenwood/Bethel town line, close to both Mt. Abram Skiway and Sunday River Resort. Lots of sleeping room for family or ski friends for only \$85,000



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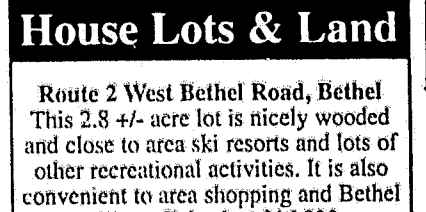
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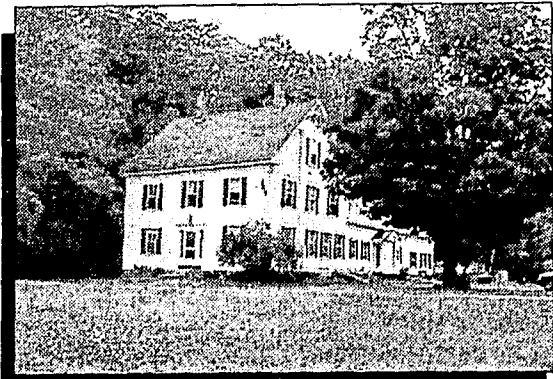


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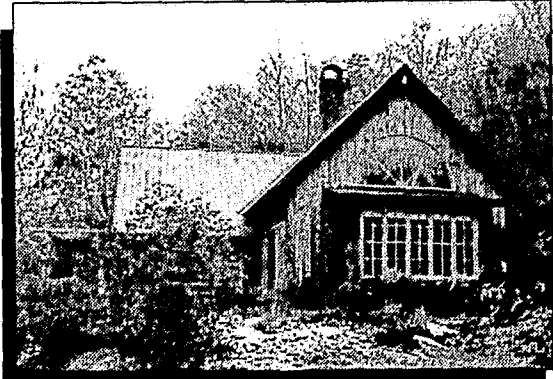
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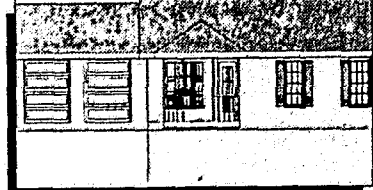
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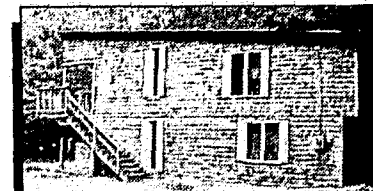
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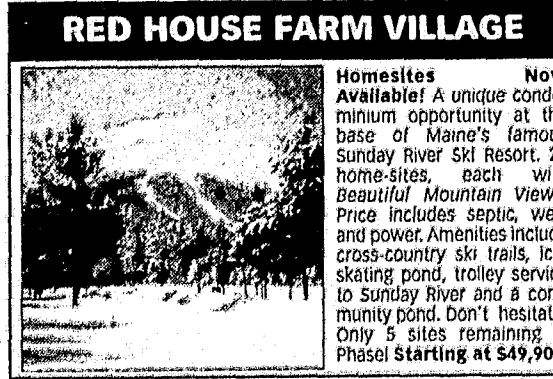
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S-125-I	\$22,000
S-148-II	\$23,500
S-317-IV(s)	\$21,500
<b>1 Bedroom DWD:</b>	<b>Sleeps 6</b>
S-336-I	\$36,500
S-368-II	\$36,000
S-372-II	\$35,900

<b>1 Bedroom C:</b>	<b>Sleeps 4-6</b>
S-202-II(s)	\$35,500
S-252-III(s)	\$29,900
S-252-IV(s)	\$31,000

<b>1 Bedroom L:</b>	<b>Sleeps 8</b>
S-189/191-I	\$44,900
S-160/162-IV	\$46,000
S-265/267-IV	\$46,000



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<b>1 Bedroom D Loft:</b>	<b>Sleeps 6</b>
J-327-IV	\$89,900
J-337-IV	\$85,000
J-337-III	\$84,500
<b>1 Bedroom L:</b>	<b>Sleeps 8</b>
J-111/113-III	\$66,000
J-152/154-I	\$65,000
J-220/222-II	\$63,500

<b>Suites 2-3 Bdrms:</b>	<b>Sleeps 8-12</b>
J-240/242/244-II	\$119,000
J-203/205-IV	\$169,500
J-318-322-IV	\$190,000

<b>1 Bedroom E:</b>	<b>Sleeps 6</b>
J-143/145-III	\$49,000
J-124/126-I	\$55,000
J-143/145-II	\$55,700

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## Obituaries

### THELMA B. KNIGHT

Thelma B. Knight, 93, of 85B Keltner Road, Columbia, Ky., died on Friday, Dec. 6, 2002, at Westlake Regional Hospital in Columbia.

She was the daughter of Edward E. and Minnie Olson Bennett of Bethel. She was born on April 25, 1909, in Errol, N.H., and was a member of St. Mark Methodist Church in Campbellsville, Ky. She graduated from Gould Academy in 1926, Lasella University in Accounting in 1928, and the Forsythe School for Dental Hygienists in Boston, Mass., in 1932.

She was married to Ralph L. Knight, who preceded her in death in 1982. She resided in Montpelier, Vt., until 1993, at which time she relocated to Kentucky. She retired from the Department of Motor Vehicles-State of Vermont in 1968 after 23 years of service.

Survivors include one son, Richard and his wife Mary of Columbia, Ky.; three grandsons and their spouses, David and Kelly Knight of Evans, Ga., Daniel and Kathy Knight of Lexington, Ky., and Mark and Terri Knight of Mentor, Ohio; and six grandchildren, Kara,

Kortney, Austin, Daniel, Mark and Luke.

Memorial services were held at Stotts-Phelps-McQueary Funeral Home in Columbia, Ky., on Dec. 8 with the Rev. Richard Lowe officiating.

### WILLIAM E. THORNTON JR.

William E. Thornton Jr., 55, husband of Ruth Witter Thornton, died unexpectedly Monday, Dec. 9, 2002, in the emergency room of the Rumford Community Hospital.

Born in Rumford, July 26, 1947, the son of William E. Sr. and Margaret L. Stevens Thornton, he was a resident of this community all of his life and was a graduate of Stephens High School in the Class of 1966.

Mr. Thornton was self-employed and owned a gravel pit and worked in the construction trades.

He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing and also going to see heavy construction equipment in operation.

Mr. Thornton was a member of the Blazing Star Lodge 30 AF & AM.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Margaret and her fiancé

Ivan Churchill and a son, Joseph and his wife Linda, all of Rumford; four grandchildren, Jami, Jordan, Joshua and Jacob; two uncles, Sheridan and Charles Thornton and their families, all of Rumford Corner; special nieces, Tracie White, Jana Moffett and Amy Wheeler; special nephews, Laddie, Huck, Spike and Tode; a special great-niece, Gabrielle White; several other nieces and nephews; and his business partner, Todd Wheeler. A special niece, Felicia predeceased him.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 8 p.m. from the S.G. Thibault Funeral Home, 250 Penobscot Street, Rumford. Spring burial will be in the Abbotts Mills Cemetery at Rumford Corner. Friends may call at the funeral home Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Should friends desire, donations may be made to the Santa's Helper and/or the Free Store, c/o Dorothy Sanchas, 33 Roxbury Road, Mexico, ME 04257.

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## Births

Crystal Seames and Shawn Coffin of West Paris are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Emalee Rae Coffin, born on Nov. 26, 2002 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Peter and Cynthia Seames of Oxford and Darrel Nash of Russellville, Ky.

Paternal grandparents are Dennis and Diane Allen of West Paris.

Glori and Greg Murphy of South Portland are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Maegan Skye, born on Nov. 24, 2002 at Mercy Hospital.

Maternal grandparents are Ernest and Nadja Bolio of Bryant Pond.

Paternal grandparents are Carl and Estelle Murphy of South Portland.

Bernie and Kassi Gatchell of Portland are pleased to announce the adoption of their daughter, Kiaya Lillian. Kiaya, along with her new father, arrived from China at the Portland Jetport on Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 27, 2002. She celebrated her first birthday at her

new home on Friday, Nov. 29. She joins a sister, Kaitlyn, age 12, and a brother, Daniel, age 6.

Maternal grandparents are David and Norma Salway of Albany.

Paternal grandparents are Bernard and Mary Gatchell of Bryant Pond. Paternal great-grandmother is Beulah Staples of South Paris.

John S. Brown II and Melissa Dubord of Livermore Falls are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Taylor Jean Brown, born on Dec. 7, 2002 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Andy and Elaine Dubord of Livermore Falls.

Paternal grandparents are John and Helen Brown of Buckfield.

Taylor joins her sisters, Megan, age 30 months, and Georgia, age 6, and her brother, Jacob, age 4.

Rosalie Leonard and Glenn Robertson (Francis) of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Juliann Marie Francis, born on Dec. 8, 2002 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 5 pounds, 13 ounces.

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Paternal grandparents are Leo and Donna Francis of Albany Township.

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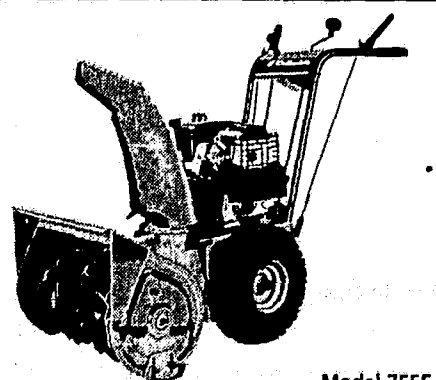
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